

# INTERNATIONAL WOMENS MONTH



## First Month of School

2021 is a year of challenges, but the drive to educate children and young people has led us to adapt new strategies.

In order to ensure quality instruction teachers have organized to go out to the communities on Mondays and Wednesday for primary level and Mondays and Tuesdays for the middle school level to safely teach the students in person always with the safety protocols in place.

The teachers have been communicating through the WhatsApp Platform to ensure the students receive and understand their assignments. Other resources used are videos, audio messages and text messages.

The classroom of the educational center is being used to reinforce lessons and receive extra help when students need it but always socially distanced and masked for the secondary students. The graduating students are using the computer laboratory.

This hybrid teaching methodology allows the teachers to continue to ensure the children are receiving lessons they understand and continue their school work under these difficult circumstances.

Ensuring health and safety standards while imparting educational programs to the children in this very needy part of Guatemala is central to our mission.

## Today we Honor an Exemplary Educator



Martha Dominguez is a model teacher and member of our educational community. She was interviewed and shared: "My name is Natalia Martha Dominguez Castañón and I am 49 years of age. I have lived in this area since I was a child and am mother to eight children that have all studied at the school and institute provided by FAM.

I started working in education at the age of nineteen and have thirty years' experience as a teacher. I have always wanted to be a teacher. The teacher we had as children treated us very badly and would yell at us. I wanted to teach children with love and patience.

At the end of the third grade my parents did not want me to continue to study. Some teachers came from Coatepeque and I offered to clean and wash dishes in exchange for my school fees. It was this way I was able to finish primary school.

I was hired to work as a teacher even without graduating. I worked on another farm and they allowed me to work and study so I was able to graduate then.

My experience as an educator has taught me that some children learn easily and others have learning differences. I have tried to find strategies to help the children with learning differences so they can complete their work. I have sought help from others to try and find ways to facilitate the learning process.

I worked at the school before the Foundation existed and now for the Foundation. Since the Foundation has managed the school it has been great to learn many new things like lesson planning, didactics, evaluation process and other training we have received over the years.

Over the years I have maintained communication with other educators at other institutions and have asked for their help especially with the hardest cases of children with learning differences.

Teaching is a great commitment and it takes a lot of dedication but I try my best to serve the children.

## Fundraising Initiative

I want to introduce you to ONEHOPE, a winery in the heart of Napa Valley that is all about creating GREAT WINE as well as creating SOCIAL IMPACT! They are rooted in purpose and intent upon nourishing the future. They are proud to have donated over \$6 million to charities with their programs. You can learn more about their story by clicking on my link below.

As a NEW Cause Entrepreneur at ONEHOPE, I am passionate about creating change for the good of all—in our communities, in our world and in the lives of individuals. How will I do this? By sharing all things WINE! You know I love wine and giving back so this is the perfect company for me to partner with. I know that you love wine too! BTW, these are not your typical fundraiser wines! They really are delicious.

I would love your help with raising money by purchasing delectable wines via ONEHOPE, for my first cause, Asturias Maldonado Foundation. This is a non-profit that is committed to supporting and educating children of rural farm families in Guatemala.

You will find my fundraising page by clicking on this link:

Please join me with my first fundraiser and click on the link below to view and purchase delightful wines at reasonable prices and know that you are helping many causes (see attachment) as well as mine. The more you purchase, the bigger the discounts. Being a Preferred Customer is the way to go. You will get a generous discount and only \$10 shipping!!!

I will be matching the final donation amount! There are no obligations other than you and your friends enjoying your wine. And your friends will appreciate a gift from you that they can enjoy while knowing it is also helping a worthy cause.

If you have questions or are interested in raising money for a non-profit near and dear to your heart, contact me at [sluption@comcast.net](mailto:sluption@comcast.net).

CHEERS, Suzann  
AMF Emeritus Member

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