



#GrantingHOPEWorldwide

OUR MISSION

“Enhancing the lives of women and families in the coffee producing communities throughout the world.”



The Café Femenino Foundation has been funding grant requests since 2004. The annual requests come directly from the women coffee producers offering hope, opportunity, aid and encouragement to those in the poorest and least accessible areas of Peru.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this trip was to provide an opportunity for the grant recipients to share their progress and for them to highlight their priority needs as the Foundation prepares for funding the 2019/2020 grant requests.

Café Femenino Foundation Peru Trip Summary October, 2019



BEGINNING OUR TRIP - DAY 1

Our first visit was to the community of El Ron-San Antonio to the site of a future Wet Mill Plant and to announce to them that their request for a Wet Mill Plant has been adopted by Stringbean Coffee, St Louis, MO. Funding will take place in early 2020.



This project will centralize the process of de-pulping, fermentation, washing and drying of the coffee by implementing a small wet mill plant consisting of a coated receiving tank, two coated tanks for fermentation, running channels, a drying patio, an electric de-pulper and a solar dryer. This wet mill plant will improve the quality of the coffee drying process and improve the quality of the coffee in the cup. Ultimately, this would increase the coffee producers income.



DAY 2

We went to the community of San Antonio to visit a wet mill plant and warehouse built in 2005 and damaged by the rains in 2017. The producers have not had the resources to repair the wet mill plant and are asking for financial assistance.



This community has good quality coffee, but quality deteriorates due to poor infrastructure of the individual wet mills. They are faced with not being able to sell their coffee if they are unable to meet the quality standards of the specialty coffee market.

Funding the repair of the wet mill plant and warehouse would provide the ability to produce good quality coffee again.



THE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

Each year, with financial support from donors, the Café Femenino Foundation funds 17 Early Education Centers in Northern Peru.



Education at an early age is vital in creating the desire for learning. The primary reason these education centers were established was to reduce the incidence of malnutrition in the remote coffee communities. Three times a year a nurse visits these centers to take the height and weight of the children and record the results to determine the impact the program is having. During these visits the nurse conducts dietary education workshops for teachers, parents and children. There has been a decrease in the severely malnourished category, but they are now seeing some obesity.

On weekdays the 17 Early Education Centers are open to children three to five years of age. They follow structured lesson plans appropriate for each age.

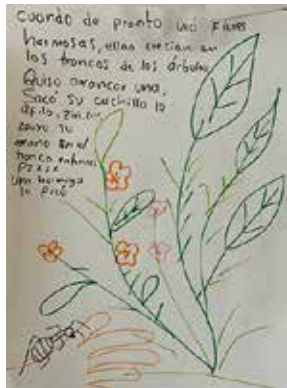


In the last few years three of the 17 communities have requested government funds for new early education centers.

San Antonio was one of the three communities to receive funding. There are 28 students that attend class in this early education center.



The new centers are complete with a clean kitchen used for preparing nutritious foods, restroom facilities, and playground.



DAY 3

Kitchen Improvements HIERBA BUENA (funded by Kerry/DaVinci Gourmet)

The women were waiting, they knew that today would be the start of healthier living, today they were going to receive the materials for transforming their smokey kitchens into smoke-free cooking spaces.



Most of the family kitchens in these communities are without windows or lighting. The walls and ceilings are low, making it difficult to see, "it's like cooking in the dark". There is soot on the walls and ceilings that is not only contaminating their food but causing respiratory illnesses in the women and children who are more often in the kitchens.

There was much enthusiasm when the truck drove up with the new pipes that will ventilate the smoke from their new **Café Femenino** cooking surfaces.

DAY 3

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Hierba Buena was one of the seven communities to receive the materials that will improve 25 kitchens. The women will participate in workshops on how to maintain the improved kitchens.

The funding provided by Kerry/ DaVinci Gourmet will provide a safer environment with less smoke and soot in their homes and kitchens. This will reduce the incidences of respiratory disease for these families.



Now on to the next project.

DAY 3

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HIERBA BUENA

“Pilca” Water Reservoir
(Funded by DR Wakefield)

We were met at the site of the future water reservoir by a very excited group of coffee producers that came out to greet us and show us their plans.

Water is scarce and water management is difficult. Climate change has seriously affected the cultivation of both coffee and food, rainfall has been reduced to only four months per year. They have been able to distribute the water through a system of channels to the producers by flooding, which can cause erosion of the soils and under-utilization of the water resources.



HIERBA BUENA “Pilca” Water Reservoir (CONTINUED)

They have just begun construction on this water reservoir and it is just one of five that will be built. This will make it possible to have enough water at the time of the flowering of the coffee to achieve an increase in production and quality, as well as ensure water for vegetable gardens. The reservoir will be completed and in use by coffee season.



DAY 4

CORRAL DE PIEDRA Wet Mill Beneficio (funded by Coffee Holding, OPTCO, David Gordon and Joffrey's Coffee)

In the last two years Corral de Piedra received funds for materials to construct a central community wet mill beneficio that included a ceramic lined coffee cherry receiving tank and fermentation tanks, platform for pulping, running channel, water reservoir, electric pulper and drying patio.

The producers participated in training workshops where measures were implemented to monitor coffee quality as well as cupping quality.

CORRAL DE PIEDRA Wet Mill Beneficio

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This wet mill was successfully used in the last coffee harvest season.



DAY 4

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NARANJO Paula's Peaceful Community

Our next stop was to spend the afternoon with Paula Chavez, President, Asociacion Café y Quinoa and the Café Femenino coffee producers in Naranjo. Naranjo is just up the road from Corral de Piedra and is a beautiful, peaceful and productive coffee community.



Earlier this year Paula planted a garden of corn, lettuce, beans, potatoes, etc. Her crop will provide not only fresh vegetables for her family, but also for members of the community. At some point in the future, there is a hope that the produce will provide an additional income to Paula's family.



DAY 4

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NARANJO

Pilca Water Reservoir

(adopted by Caffe Ibis)

Not all water reservoirs are constructed the same, but the requests are similar. With climate changes, water management is difficult in this community. It is imperative to store the rain water now that there are only 4 months of rainfall each year.

Naranjo's proposed water reservoir plans will be unique in that they will utilize an existing rock wall and build a reservoir that is long rather than square as in other communities. Once the rock and concrete walls are constructed they will install the reservoir liner, the pipes, hoses and sprinklers.

The water will not only be used for their vegetable garden, but for coffee nursery and coffee farms.

LEAVING NARANJO

Relaxing “goodbye” meeting – just a few photos to share the beautiful people of Naranjo and their relaxed presence. Who wouldn’t want to have a meeting outside, seated on the grass with this view? All were welcome, even the dog.



DAY 5

TALLAPAMPA

Beekeeping Supplies Delivery & Workshop

(funded by Rappahannock-Fredericksburg Rotary Club)

Coffee is the main income generating product for the community of Tallapampa, but now they can start a new income diversification project - beekeeping. There was a lot of hope and excitement when we arrived loaded with bee boxes and all the supplies needed for these coffee producers to become beekeepers.



TALLAPAMPA
Beekeeping Supplies Delivery & Workshop
(CONTINUED)

The families who would be receiving one of the complete beekeeping kits assembled in their meeting hall for the workshop. The facilitator demonstrated and explained all aspects of the bee box they will take to their coffee farm. With coffee about to start flowering timing was perfect for this delivery and new income opportunity.





**TALLAPAMPA
Beekeeping Supplies
Delivery & Workshop
(CONTINUED)**



TALLAPAMPA Beekeeping Supplies Delivery & Workshop (CONTINUED)

And, then the fun began. It was time for a volunteer, someone willing to “suit up” and demonstrate how to put on the suit needed to tend to the bees and harvest the honey. Elmer was a great sport... there was much laughing with each step of the demonstration.





TALLAPAMPA Beekeeping Supplies Delivery & Workshop (CONTINUED)

Finally, it was time for the “how to harvest the honey” phase of the workshop.

Lastly, the first bee box and bees were on the way to their new home in the coffee farm. The bees first task will be to pollenate the coffee flowers.

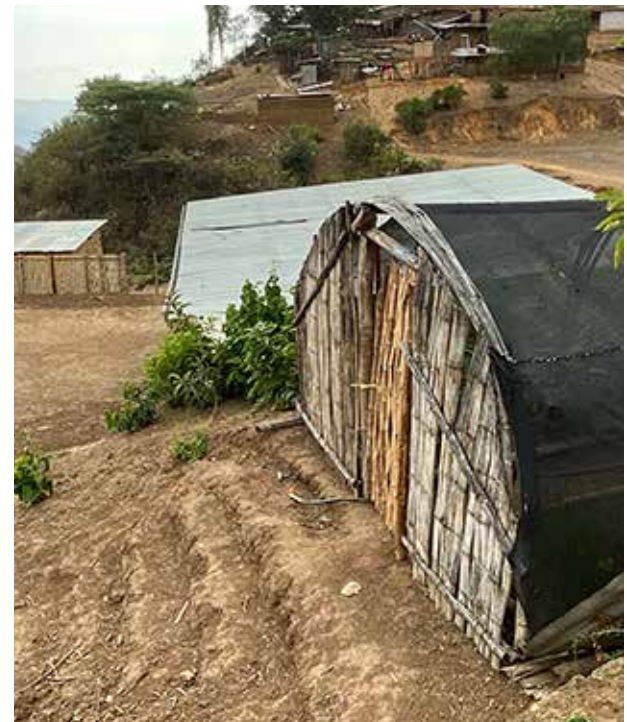
Sampling the honey was promised for our next visit.



DAY 5
TALLAPAMPA
Greenhouse Garden

Over the years the Café Femenino Foundation has funded several greenhouse gardens, so as we drove by we just had to stop by this one as we were leaving Tallapampa.

This Quonset Hut-style greenhouse has a breathable fabric so that it can withstand the wind. They are also able to produce vegetable crops year-round.



DAY 5

MUROJAGA

Casa Cafe Femenino

(funded by Moka Joe's Coffee)

We first visited the site of Casa Café Femenino in July, 2018 with Kirstin & Karter from Moka Joe's.

It was very emotional as they described what the refurbished building would mean to the women and the community.

The new building would be used for conducting workshops, holding meetings and become a space where women can meet to discuss their problems and make plans for the future.

It was when they told us that it would also be a temporary shelter for abused women and children, that everyone started to tear up.

The women will now have a place where they can go and take their children and be safe if needed.



2018

Casa Cafe Femenino

The inside had dirt floors and the building was in desperate need of repair.

MUROJAGA

Casa Cafe Femenino

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The newly refurbished Case Café Femenino is light, clean and ready for use. Currently the space is being used as a classroom for the seniors to finish their studies in the community. Although the project is not completed during our visit, you can see the amazing transformation. It is set to be finished in the next two months.



Message from Murojaga, Ulises Rojas

*“Thank you very much to Karter and Kristen
and Moka Joe Coffee
from the people of Murojaga,
for all the support for this community center.
It is very important for this community and
it is not only for the producers,
it is for all the community
and for the students and their future.*

*I hope you visit us again.
We are going to wait for you
with our arms wide open.*

*Thank you for the great support and help you
gave us.*

Thank you very much.”





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