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*BE THE CHANGE on an upcoming Xela AID service trip to Guatemala*

## 2014 Trip Schedule

COMING SOON!

### *Xela AID News Briefs*

**Note: Remember to LIKE Xela AID on Facebook so you'll get updates from our travels in Guatemala this summer! If you haven't already, it's easy. Do it [NOW!](#)**

### **SUMMER TRIPS REV UP!**

Twenty participants of two of Xela AID's three service trips this summer gathered in Huntington Beach for orientation, and were up to their ankles in educational gift packs and tiny jackets -- thanks to volunteer **Sherry Robin** and **Girl Scouts** from **St. Raphael School** (below). Meet a few of the volunteers who will join us this year by checking out our **Orientation Album.**



### **WEAVERS ON THE MOVE**

With **Yaneth Gramajo**  
joining  
Director **Luis**

**Enrique de León's** Xela AID team in Guatemala to focus on building business



skills and marketing, Xela AID's weaving cooperative has moved into high gear! See what they've been up to in [Pictures Here!](#) (Click individual photos to see comments and add your own).

### FINDING HER VOICE



**Maria Luciana Perez Lopez**, Xela AID's coordinator of the weaving cooperative Tesoros del Corazón, is speaking on Xela AID Radio to the local community about women's

rights and participation in society. This is very exciting. Some of us remember when Luciana was shy and retiring. We are fortunate to have her on the Xela AID team. Luciana is pictured above in the "Xela AID Radio" studio. In a related album, see more [Xela AID Radio Pictures](#).

### RECENT SPONSORSHIPS

**Andrea Yesica Gomez Ramirez** is now sponsored by **Mary C. Ragan** of Covington, Louisiana; and **Maria Perez Gomez Lopez** (at right), sponsored by **Marilyn Wenzel. Northwood High School Spanish Club** saved their nickels, dimes and pennies (literally!) and sponsored **Brenda Roselia**, and **Yonathan**



**Gomez.** This brings Xela AID's total children sponsored and in school to 84! **Thank you** to these generous sponsors, and to our Board Member **Pat Maxwell** for her tireless efforts administering this important program!

*Want to sponsor? Contact [pat@xelaaid.org](mailto:pat@xelaaid.org). See some of our*

***Children Awaiting Sponsors***

### **XELA AID GETS A FACELIFT**

Our logo has been refreshed, with thanks to

**Joel Cinnamon** of the **Claremont University Consortium,**

all design donated. Joel also completed a very nicely done brochure that will be of tremendous help in our outreach. Thank you Joel!



### **COSTUMES STILL NEEDED**



Xela AID's Leaders group believe that there is a market for appearing in costume and being photographed with party goers.

Donations of costumes in adult sizes would be greatly appreciated (used are fine), including princesses, superheros, vampires and other recognizable characters. Donate

a costume and receive a gift-in-kind receipt for your tax deductible donation. To donate, contact **Sue Rikalo** at

**[sue@xelaaid.org](mailto:sue@xelaaid.org)**.

### **GOT STUFF?**

Are you upgrading your technology? Cleaning out drawers? Or just want to go out and buy a little something to help someone meet their needs?

**Consider a tax deductible gift-in-kind that we can put to extremely good use in the highlands of**

**Guatemala this summer.** Needed are:



- > Used (or new) working PC laptops, iPads, iPhones, Kindles
- > Miscellaneous sewing supplies

- > Hair brushes (new)
- > Hand mirrors
- > Combs (new)
- > Notebooks
- > Paper
- > Pencils
- > Pens
- > Birthday candles
- > Ribbons
- > Balloons and other party supplies...



Contact Leslie at [leslie@xelaaid.org](mailto:leslie@xelaaid.org)



**Thank you...** for your ongoing interest and support!

**The Xela AID Board of Directors and Advisors, and Staff**

