

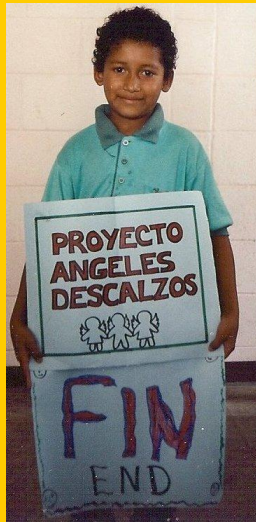
The ASAPROSAR Newsletter



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What about Marvin?

By Eloise Clawson



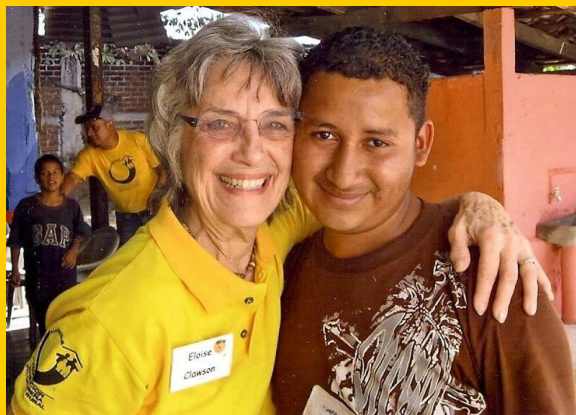
As a shy ten year old Marvin Medina Ramos started attending the Barefoot Angels' program in the afternoon. Each morning he awoke at dawn to begin his work day. It was his job to help his family by selling in the streets as an ambulatory vender of bread and pastries. Marvin traveled long distances, weaving among the buses, in the midst of traffic, and in the congested marketplace. It was an environment of gangs, exploitation, prostitution and drugs.

Three afternoons each week Marvin attended school and the other two days he was able to be a member of the Barefoot Angels' program. Although small in stature, his energy and participation were contagious. Through the Barefoot Angels' program Marvin furthered his education, learned leadership

skills and had a place be a kid.



That was 1989 and so often I thought of Marvin as the years passed. I remember he seemed so vulnerable to his surroundings in spite of his potential for the future. This year (2010) during the recent eye campaign in January, I asked about Marvin. Did anyone know anything about him?



What a surprise when several days later Marvin stopped by the Barefoot Angels' program! He is now a father and currently works as a mason. Unemployment and under-employment are rampant in El Salvador but with the education and leadership skills he received from the Barefoot Angels program he is hopeful the future will have new possibilities for him and his family. It was a wonderful surprise to see and talk with Marvin twenty-one years later and to see again an example of the fine work of ASAPROSAR and the impact the Barefoot Angels has on the lives of high-risk

youth and children in El Salvador.



Remembering Romero

March 24th marked the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Monsignor Romero is remembered as an advocate for the poor and a voice of the people of El Salvador. He inspired millions to believe that change was possible. Below is a link to an interesting article marking his death one by Ambassador Robert White.

Romero Remembered

Close encounter with a martyr

By Robert E. White



Get Involved!

Host a meal or an event

You can make a difference in the lives of families in El Salvador just by eating dinner with friends and family. Host a meal and share the vision of Dr. Vicky and ASAPROSAR. For more information or ideas on how you can help please [email us!](#)



ASAPROSAR Partners with Ashoka!

There are few social problems in El Salvador more prevalent than, delinquency and gangs, and the lack of a preferential option for the youth. Since 1995 ASAPROSAR's Barefoot Angels program has been providing an option for the youth of Santa Ana, El Salvador. In a continuing effort to provide more options ASAPROSAR has partnered with Ashoka, www.ashoka.org, a global association of the world's leading social entrepreneurs. The project is also supported by our friends at the Seattle International Foundation.

[Read full article!](#)

Second Annual Night of Angels

benefit for
ASAPROSAR

Friday April 16, 2010 6:30pm

Mr. Benny's Steak and Lobster House
20857 S. Cicero Avenue
Matteson, IL 60443

For more info please [email us.](#)

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"Poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit."

- Eli Khamarov

Dr. Vicky Guzmán to visit the U.S.

We are planning several events for Dr. Vicky's visit in May.

May 15th at 7pm Beverly, MA

We Love the Barefoot Angels Variety Show

May 21st Washington D.C.

Reception with Dr. Guzman at the Washington Ethical Society

For more details and information about other events please [email us.](#)