



## BUENAS NOTICIAS

February 2020



BFB Foundation Scholarship Reunion (Guatemala, December 2019)

### 2019 - It Was a Very Good Year!

Last year was a big step forward for BFB Foundation in strengthening our focus on four key initiatives: English Language Immersion, Business Training, Academic Scholarships and Financial Education.

As 2019 wrapped up, we visited Guatemala for the 2nd annual reunion of BFB Foundation Women's Scholarship recipients. This year, 25 current university scholars attended along with seven members of the BFB Foundation team. It is truly gratifying to see how this initiative brings us all together, supported by the amazing generosity of our donor community.

[Please watch this video](#) from the reunion about two BFB Foundation scholars explaining what they did for their community service/ volunteer projects.



## Women's Leadership Program

During our December visit to Guatemala, Riecken Community Libraries hosted an expo and appreciation lunch celebrating the culmination of our five-year Women's Leadership Program. Each of the women's groups made a presentation about the businesses they have developed and their plans to sustain them.

### THANK YOU!

We want to send a huge thank you to Riecken for their long-standing partnership, and to our program sponsors, [Sherman & Patterson](#) and [Partners Advantage Insurance Services](#) for their five-year sponsorship. Thank you!



## A Promising 2020

This year promises to bring more opportunity for greater reach and deeper engagement with those we serve in Guatemala.

Our January Board of Directors retreat in Charlotte, NC was a spirited gathering in which we planned for 2020 and the coming years.



## Welcome New Board Member, Deb Foote!

Our newest board member, Deb Foote, works with her husband supporting their business providing process-monitoring systems, primarily to the textile industry. Previously Deb worked with homebuilders in the Charlotte area in design and sales. Before moving to North Carolina in 1999, Deb lived in Charleston, SC. Deb has worked with several non-profits and charitable organizations, including KidsRein and Make-A-Wish Foundation. She was vice president of the Theater Arts Booster Club for William Amos Hough High School, and has been a volunteer for the Triangle Beagle Rescue. Deb has served in leadership positions for the board of directors for her HOA and for a commercial builder. Married with two children, Deb also has two rescue beagles.



*Deb is pictured here with Maria, the scholar she is sponsoring.*

## Donor Spotlight: Nora Alexander

*A New Perspective Having Made the Trip!*



*I joined the BFB team on a visit to Guatemala in December. Having heard only stories, I knew that I was about to encounter some extraordinary young ladies. After hearing from the students, extraordinary was an understatement. With the help of a translator, they told us about their lives and how they manage going to school. I take so much for granted in my life...my home, job, health... education. Going to school as a kid was just what everyone got to do. It can be so easy for us to give up on something when it gets hard or does not work out. Giving up is not an option for these girls. They are so grateful for the Foundation, for giving them this opportunity and for believing in them. Knowing that I can help make a difference in another woman's life, and in return knowing her education can help her family and community is the kind of "giving" that makes an impactful difference--one that I hope to pursue with the same dedication and enthusiasm.*

-- Nora Alexander (seated 3rd from left, with scholars at the Scholarship Reunion)

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