




Damaged Retaining Wall

Dear Friends of MASCP,

In our last newsletter, you heard about the retaining wall in Arcatao that was damaged in recent flooding and needs immediate repair before the rainy season starts in June. This wall keeps water from flooding the lower level of the community restaurant and damaging the entire structure. Here's the Head of the Community Council, Abél Lopez Escalante, showing us the damage telling us about the repairs, and requesting our help with paying for the materials and repair that is urgently needed:

A Arcatao's Wall
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“ Our biggest priority is to fix the wall outside of the cafeteria. It is urgent because the rain can do a lot of damage....and things could get much worse if we don't fix it soon. This is a really big deal for us. It will be quite expensive because costs are higher right now but there is nothing we can do about it... any money you can share will be spent on construction materials” - Abél Escalante Lopez, Head of the Arcatao Community Council, on a recent call with MASCP core group members.

Please donate as generously as you can TODAY to help this project become a reality. MASCP is a 501(c)3 organization so your donations are fully deductible. Even more importantly, your donations will make a critical difference in everyday life in Arcatao. Thank you very much!

HELP REBUILD THE WALL

LAST CALL to join the 2024 MASCP trip to Arcatao!

We're having our last informational meeting about the exciting 2024 MASCP trip on **Saturday, March 16th** at Finca Salvadoran Cafe, 2500 Rimrock Rd from 10 AM-12 PM.

Come meet other travelers and learn about visiting our sister city in El Salvador!

In the meantime, here's the answers to some FAQ:

- **What are the dates?** June 9-16
- **How much does it cost?** All included-under \$2000, depending on airfare.
- **Do I have to know Spanish?** No! Zulma Tobar, our US El Salvador staff person will be with us, guiding and interpreting the whole time.
- **Why is this trip special?** We'll be learning about issues of water sustainability and privatization on this trip with members of the Philadelphia-Las Anonas Sister City Project.
- **Where do we stay?** A nice guest house in San Salvador and homestays in Las Anonas and Arcatao.
- **I know we'll be learning about water issues. Will we have time for fun?** Yes! Climb a volcano, learn how to make pupusas, visit a pottery workshop, hang out in a hammock and meet inspiring people who will amaze you and you would never have met otherwise!

March 31 is the deadline for reserving your spot on the trip. Hope to see you at Finca Cafe to learn more!

**March 16
10 AM-12 PM
Finca Salvadoran Cafe
2500 Rimrock Road**



Daniel Quintanilla, found a perfect place to relax during our 2023 trip to El Salvador.

Save the Date for MASCP Movie Night!



Nigel Marven in the movie, "Wild El Salvador"

MASCP will be collaborating with the Catholic Multicultural Center to show the 2023 film, "Wild El Salvador: In the Shadow of the Volcanoes". In the hour-long movie, British adventurer and naturalist, Nigel Marven, guides us up volcanoes, into crater lakes and introduces us to the flora and fauna of El Salvador.

Meet old friends, snack on goodies, marvel at the natural world of El Salvador, and support our Salvadoran sister city with your donation. We hope you'll come and bring your friends and family!

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Where: Catholic Multicultural Center
1862 Beld Street
Time: 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
Cost: Free and open to all - donations appreciated

