



Spring, 2016

In January Kathy began working on a new microbusiness project at the mission in Xela. She is teaching Fernanda how to make several different articles made of fabric. Fernanda is an indigenous Mayan woman from the nearby village of Cantel. Fernanda has been working with us since we opened the boutique doing alterations on dresses. Our hope is to sell the items Fernanda makes in an online store on the mission's website we plan to rollout this summer.



Buying fabric in Panajachel.



Kathy showing Fernanda how to make doll clothing.



The finished product will be for sale online this summer. We will let you know when we get the store open on the website.



We are going to make baby blankets that are really cool!



The boutique will be closing the end of April. When Edna has her baby this spring she will not be able to keep the boutique open. We would like to thank all of you who have supported the boutique with your gifts of dresses, jeans, jewelry, shoes, and money to ship these items from Missouri to Guatemala. Your gifts have helped Edna make a living with dignity and also provide funds for the feeding program and other outreach projects of the mission. However, with the closing of the boutique we will not be making any more shipments of these items to Guatemala.



The children's ministry continues to reach out to the kids from the feeding program. We now have a young man, Juan Jairo, helping Edna with this outreach. He not only provides a masculine positive role model for the kids, he speaks English as well!



With your help we continue to press on.

In His Grip, David & Kathy