



Teaching English Experience December 4- 12, 2023

Dear Teaching English Tutors and ProgresA Supporters,

As we approach the 50th-year celebration, we want to thank you for your involvement with ProgresA! After three years of an innovative, highly successful online Teaching English program, we will be back in Guatemala this coming December. Because of your support, we have decided to write to both tutors and supporters about the Teaching English program for 2023.

ProgresA and the TE Curriculum Committee are pleased to tell you that we will be meeting in Antigua (at Posada de Belen) for this year's TE session, the dates for which are December 4 - 12, 2023. We're at the very beginning of our planning and decided to ask all supporters and former teachers if you might be interested in participating. With a minimum of 10 volunteers, we can make this happen.

Due to the pandemic, we will incorporate many new procedures into our program. For example:

1. Volunteers need to be willing to take the risk of illness.
2. Volunteers need to be fully vaccinated with boosters.
3. Volunteers will need to bring their kits for testing.
4. Instruction will be outdoors in the gardens at the Convento.
5. Volunteers will work with one or two students each.
6. Volunteers will be housed in single rooms. In the past, some teachers stayed at "off-campus" facilities; those teachers will need to find their accommodations.
7. There will be required online (Zoom) training for volunteers before arrival in Antigua.
8. A welcome orientation for volunteers and students will be held outdoors after dinner on the 4th.
9. Volunteers and students are expected to have their meals at the convent with greater space between diners.
10. Most instruction will take place in the mornings, with nearby excursions for the group in the afternoon.



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11. Masks are to be used whenever appropriate.
12. Students will be housed in a safe way respecting social distancing.
13. Morning large group sessions will be held on the central patio.
14. There will be procedures in place to deal with possible outbreaks of Covid.
15. Volunteers should have full health insurance coverage which includes Covid-related issues.

Please think about what we're proposing and then let us know if you think you will or will not be able to attend. We don't know what the pandemic situation will look like in the future and there may be more changes ahead, but we just want to include you in our initial thinking. At this point, we have set May 30 as the date to confirm or cancel TE2023. We'd like to hear from you in the next few weeks to continue planning. Feel free to contact Ann Boone, by May 30, 2023, to discuss your plans at:

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***Yours in peace and love,
Curriculum Committee***