

Café Justo y Mas Celebrates 6 Years

What do you get when you cross a coffee coop addressing root causes of migration, a drug rehab center providing opportunities for new life for persons gripped by addiction, and a bi-national ministry cultivating relationships and understanding across borders and responding in faith to the realities of immigration and the drug culture?

Well, a coffee shop, of course!

On June 4, we celebrated the [6th anniversary of Café Justo y Mas](#) with dance, both folklore and modern, incredible music from the youth of the community, a bouncing castle for the kids, tamales, and of course delicious coffee. We celebrated because:

- Café Justo y Mas has become the number one purchaser of Café Justo in the universe—over 30,000 pounds—helping families thrive;
- Café Justo y Mas has supported dozens of persons in recovery from addictions by providing them training and jobs that recognize their dignity and embrace them as persons;
- Café Justo y Mas has become a place for youth and the larger community to share art and culture through its annual events such as the Chess Tournament; AP High Schools Have Talent; the Advent Peace, Joy, Hope, and Love photo contest; as well as new events led by Frontera de Cristo's Pastor of Children and Families and her clown "Blue" helping children think about alternatives to the drug culture in an engaging and fun way.



Laura Labrada, director of CATPSIC (formerly CRREDA) drug rehab center and CATPSIC's representative on the leadership team of Café Justo y Mas, shared at the event:

"I am a miracle. I am grateful to Café Justo y Mas for embracing me and believing in me because society did not. They only saw an addict; Café Justo y Mas sees human beings. Café Justo y Mas was my first real job. I've learned a lot and I continue learning." Now Laura is the director of CATPSIC, the "casa de vida" where she became sober.

Carmina Sanchez, member of the Lirio de los Valles Presbyterian Church and Café Justo's representative on the leadership team, shared:

"Café Justo y Mas has opened my eyes and heart to those struggling with addiction. I must confess, that I was one of those on society that rejected people with addiction. Now through Café Justo y Mas and our partnership with CATPSIC, God has touched me and given me love for them and I have learned so much."

In Café Justo y Mas, we have built not only a coffee shop, but a community that reflects God's love and God's justice. We are grateful to God for everyone's partnership in the ministry of Frontera de Cristo and our partners here on the border. Together we help make dreams become reality.

