



These are only 17 of the 30 people receiving employment from La Tienda (it was hard to get everyone out for picture day).

Left to right, (top) Jislana, Anise, Lisita, Ramona, Tati, Janina, Keketta, Livi, Jela, Elisanna (bottom) Evanidia, Juana, Ingris, Violetta, Raquel, Marianna, Ismena.



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WE HAVE AN ONLINE STORE

The past few months we've been working really hard at developing our ONLINE STORE. We are steadily adding new items to it and trying to come up with new ways to promote it.

We have happily experienced some success with it so far and even had some fun promoting it.

One of the funnier things that happened as we began to get the online store up and running, was trying to explain to the women what we were doing. Many of them have no idea at all what the internet is.

If you go to the online store (go to the website latienda.ca and click "shop online" or go directly by going to latienda.bigcartel.com) you can click on a link on the right hand side that says "What the Ladies think of our Online Store". We had fun making a video of their reactions to the question "Do you know what the internet is?"

The Ladies giggled and looked at us like we were crazy!

We did end up trying to explain it to all of them in the end with lots of hand gestures. I'm not sure if we got the idea across or not.

They have amazing faith and trust these lovely ladies.

We must sound ridiculous to them.

Go check out all our hard work on the **Online Store** and help us promote it by telling your friends about it.

We would really appreciate it, and so would the Ladies of *La Tienda*.



PRAY FOR US

Jonathan

Still working at sorting out what needs to be done to ensure he will be allowed to remain with me.

Tati

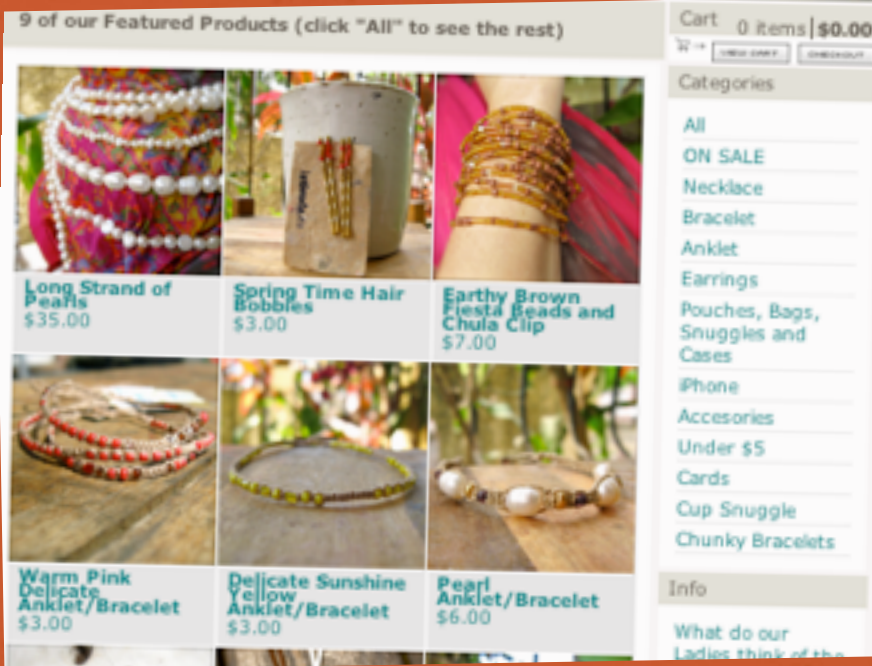
As she takes on new leadership roles, and new responsibilities. Pray that she is protected from temptation to stumble as leaders are always in the most difficult positions.

Relying on Our Sisters and SO Thankful for Sisters like TATI!

Tati has been a blessing from the start.

When I was looking for someone who could run the co-op and organize the women, Tati just kind of crept into my head. So I just went over to her house, asked her if she could read and offered her the job. A surprising amount of huge decisions are made like that in the co-op. The fact that most of them work out AMAZINGLY is just proof again that it is the Lord who heaps blessings upon us.

Tati has taken on organizing the co-op like nobody's business. It's pretty amazing that she's like that. I think most business owners would tell you that good workers are hard to come by. This is as true in places of poverty as it is in the West. Not everyone likes to go above



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an beyond just to do a good job, but Tati does.

Recently one of our younger ladies, Violetta has been very sick and unable to work. The art co-op just can't afford to pay Violetta if we don't have any of her work to sell. (cont...)

Ladies Taking Over

The plan over the next year is to see the women running the day to day operations of the co-op on their own. It has been a long road to get to this place but the hard works seems to be paying off. Please continue to uphold the women in prayer as they learn new responsibilities. The future of this project depends more on the women than it ever has before, and it's scary to step back and see if

they run with it, but very necessary. After 7 years of much of the same, it is so exciting to be finally taking this step. Pray for Cara and I as we teach them to lead, and as we learn from our failures (I'm sure we will be hitting many bumps along the way).



left to right, Marianna, Elissana, Evanidia and Tati.

....Tati is Amazing (cont.)

(...cont.) None of her family was willing to help her with her work unless we paid them as well. We are a tiny operation with just enough money to make ends meet. We just don't have the means to pay anyone twice for one job. Sometimes the people who live in the village we work in, are completely unwilling to serve one another, yet still put major demands on Cara and I to serve *them*. This can be emotionally exhausting to work with day in and day out, with no rest. I think anyone who has worked extensively with people in need (here or abroad, financial or emotional) can relate to how draining human beings are. We are a demanding species with a whole lot of selfishness; and when we come in big groups with lots of needs, we

tend to devour anything we can get our hands on.

But then there is Tati. Tati took one look at our situation and solved it with one simple solution.

She *did* all of Violetta's work.

She said that she felt bad and wanted Violetta to receive her pay, and understood we couldn't make any money if we don't have things to sell. So she stayed up late every night for a week and finished a month of work for Violetta!

What an amazing act of Christian compassion and common sense. Cara and I are continually amazed by Tati's initiative and compassion for others.

Praise the Lord for Tati, and please continue to pray for Violetta.



Juana organizing some of the work we will be selling online in September.

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying “this is the way; walk in it””

Isaiah 30:21

I am truly thankful for how much we have been able to accomplish in these last few months, and thankful for everyone who continues to stand behind me and our little project. Please keep up to date with the Blog so you can journey with us and see how your support continues to grow in the lives of our lovely Ladies.

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JONATHAN

I was so excited earlier this year to be granted a multiple entry visa for Jonathan that will last for the entire year.

This means that he is free to travel with me for at least the rest of the year the times I am in Canada to connect with all the wonderful people who are volunteers and supporters for La Tienda.

DO please continue to pray for direction for us. I'm not really sure what the next step is, and am having a hard time knowing which way to go with it. Please pray for God to continue to bless us, and make a way for Jonathan.

I am truly so thankful for all the miracles along the way. God has been so good, and everyday I put my trust in his ability to open doors and guide us on our way.

