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Hola!

This GIVE shirt newsletter comes to you from Venezuela, where I've spent the last month. And it is written very late on the eve of my original return date. Since my post-doc fell through, I've decided to stay longer, probably another month, and continue to learn Spanish, work on my book, etc. I need to wake up in about 4 hours to run up the mountain tomorrow, but the "work" on the GIVE shirt never stops! On what many call a "vacation", I've spent about 75 hours on the GIVE shirt movement, and continue to see the results of our efforts.

The GIVE shirt movement has always been a group effort, but many recently came together in a special way and gave their time and talents to ensure that the GIVE shirt was offered this Saturday and Sunday at the indoor half and full marathons by In Step running stores, with the help of MS Run the US. I have yet to receive the final results, but did hear that 12 GIVE shirts were sold in the first few hours today, and a \$20 donation was made yesterday! This was the first time that I was unable to personally represent the GIVE shirt, and I am so proud of and humbled by others graciously stepping in to help the movement. Multiple GIVE shirts were given away to those who made this possible. And another was given away today in Venezuela!

I also received an order of 8 GIVE shirts while here, from a person who was given the GIVE shirt by a friend (who gave one to many friends), and now is giving one to 8 of her friends. And just an hour ago another friend who got the GIVE shirt, and was given another for helping with the press release, said that he is putting together his order for multiple GIVE shirts to be given away. The cycle of giving continues to grow...

I really hope that the website will be updated very soon with all of the additional and accurate information, which will include pictures of you all wearing the GIVE shirt! So please continue to wear it often, tell others about it and how they can join the movement, take pictures of yourself in it, and send them to me!

Muchas gracias, amigos!