

DRIVING FORCES SERIE. Artist Statement.

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As a travel photographer I have had the opportunity to visit many communities in rural Mexico.

From the northern state of Chihuahua to the southwest of the country, in Chiapas, I have discovered the predominant presence on women on this little towns. The men must be out in the fields working the harvest or having a drink, but women are always found doing the daily chores that some people think are not important.

But in this quotidian work is where they grow the strength of the family union, raise their kids, preserve their traditions like the arrangement of the traditional home altar (dedicated to their beloved ones already departed) on the Day of the Death, or waiving fabrics with the ancient designs they learned from their grandmothers.

Even if the features on their faces are different due to their ancestry, they all have in common the same expression: a mixture of pride, peace and wisdom that you can find in the people that know that their work is important.

After all, they are the guardians and messengers of their ancient traditions and are delivering them to the new generations so they don't get lost in this crazy times of modernity as they are the driving forces of our country.