



September, 2023

July Sister Parish Visit

Twelve parishioners had an absolutely amazing visit to the Sister Parish July 26-30th and delivered lots of needed supplies to support the children. It was inspiring to meet with the priests to see cathedral renovations and hear their exciting plans for expanding their ministry.

We visited the Nutrition Center which is currently over capacity due to such great need. The compassion and level of care for these most fragile children is always overwhelming. Their stories are heartbreaking, but the hope provided by the Nutrition Center is so vital and inspiring.

At Hogar Suyapa (the orphanage) we were amazed at how the children are thriving. We got to meet and love on the new babies while learning about some of their health problems and needed care.

We visited the schools both public and the private Catholic school, St. Elizabeth. The public school would not allow us upstairs as they were afraid the 74 years old floor would collapse! We are trying to increase the scholarships to the St. Elizabeth School for our children where the conditions are much safer, technology is available, and English and religion are taught as part of the more complete curriculum. . The annual tuition is \$1650 per child.

We had Bible study and reflection time with the teens leading to good conversation and growth.

We return with so many great memories and hearts full of admiration for the work they are doing along with a renewed desire to continue supporting them. To join our ministry, please contact Linda Wagoner at Lindawaggoner@msn.com. For information on visiting, contact Julie Messner at julie_messner@yahoo.com.

Hogar Suyapa and Nutrition Center News

Thank you Prince of Peace friends for continuing to say yes to our children in the parish, Las Mercedes.

At Hogar Suyapa we have had the joy of enjoying a wonderful visit and from whom more support emerged so that our children continue studying in private schools.

Julie Messner and her leadership bless us every visit by organizing and allowing everything to be a blessing. Our little-month-old Fredy has been undergoing medical treatment and little by little he is already recovering. Our children continue. in their catechesis and attending mass every Sunday. For now we are already preparing for the month of September where our children will parade with their respective schools as we celebrate the month of the homeland.

Thanks again to everyone who visited us and we are looking forward to the next group in November. God bless you Prince of Peace. ~*Liliam Elisa*

Nutrition Center Update

We thank God for the lives of each of the children who are in the process of recovery. There are 23 boys and girls who fight every day to improve food, health and education. These weeks working with the two girls who entered last July **Fanny and Dana, 9-month-old Fanny and 2-year-old Dana**, it is beautiful to see their transformation as Fanny is already beginning her crawling stage and sweet Dana begins to play and her smiles flood the house. We also give recreation spaces outside to create a larger environment than the one you already know. ~*Alicia*



Pictures from visit—more on pg 2

The full newsletter and more pictures are online. Visit <https://www.popplano.org/sister-parish>

Sister Parish Mission Statement: To become part of the unfolding Kingdom of God by building a family relationship uniting Prince of Peace Catholic Community and Nuestra Senora de las Mercedes of El Progreso, Honduras, based upon our common Catholic faith, mutual love, interdependence and solidarity.



Below:
Hogar children attending Mass
and A Smiling Fredy



Above and to the left:
Pictures from the visit



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Sister Parish Meetings:

Meetings are open to everyone. We invite you to join us the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.—St. Katharine's Hall. Come see how you can be part of this rewarding ministry!