

Sister Parish Noticias

Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes and Prince of Peace Catholic Community



November, 2023

Greeings From Sister Parish Ministry

We are so excited for our upcoming fundraiser on Nov. 11, as well as the next group of parishioners that are traveling to Honduras at the end of Nov. I would also like to introduce **Adrienne McCrady**, a POP parishioner who traveled to Honduras recently to teach English at the Hogar. She has been all over South and Central America and wants to bring her teaching skills to our ministry.

As we enter into this season of thanksgiving, we would like to thank all of you for your continued support and prayers. May the love of Jesus Christ continue to fill our hearts. With joy and gratitude for all the blessings in our lives.. ~~Dave & Linda Waggoner

October Educational Visit at Hogar Suyapa

I had an incredibly informative 10 day stay with the children and teens at Hogar Suyapa (the orphanage) October 23rd-November 2nd. I was warmly met at the airport and was helped with my two duffel bags bulging with needed supplies to support the children. These bags were made even heavier with the addition of more than 30 books, many that were bilingual.

Interest in these books were apparent from the first morning as child after child made their initial selections. The littlest ones gathered around their nannies with



the board books, and even the elementary aged children



joined the listening circles. Laughter would erupt as the teens read sections of the graphic novels, and a tight band of elementary girls were determined to practice their English literacy skills by reading aloud.

During the time there, hours-long visits were made to each of the private and public schools that the children and teens

Hogar Suyapa & Nutrition Center News

Hogar Suyapa feels blessed with Adrienne McCrady's 9-day visit, where our children were able to share wonderful moments with her. Addriene visited the schools our children attend to learn about the education they receive. It was a wonderful experience and we greatly appreciated her invaluable presence among us. Also **Father**, **José**, is visiting the Hogar giving talks and Eucharist to our children and staff.

Our children will be on vacation next week and we are organizing activities for them. We are happy because soon 13 people from our sister parish will visit us and we know that it will be a great blessing for each of our children. ~~Liliam Elisa

Nutrition Center Update

Brothers and sisters Community Prince of Peace. We are in the month of November, where the Projection results are incredible, thanks to God, the team, and our donors for making this work possible. The goal of care is 40 children a year, of which until the month of October we cared for 36 children in total, of which 13 children returned home healthy and happy.

The images show some activities we have done receiving support in health care, campaign against intestinal parasites, oral hygiene, height and weight control and community prevention care. . $\sim\sim$ *Alicia*

We all thank you for your love and we appreciate all your financial support that provide resources such as food and access to health in our beloved country





Health checkups and height and weight assessment

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.

to observe and talk with the teachers and classmates at each location during classes and at recess. It was especially reaffirming to see the obvious friendships and connections the children had with their classmates and teachers. Not surprisingly, a number of children, and even a few teachers, wanted to practice their English language skills with someone from Estados Unidos, the United States.

My time spent in El Hogar revolved around organizing the library room, playing Uno and other games with the children, and listening to what they had to say. In conversations with the teens.

there was a constant refrain in the message they wanted to deliver to the Prince of Peace Community: "Thank you for your love, support, and prayers." One succinctly stated, "The Hogar is not a Center, it is our home."

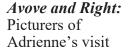
I plan to return in April with more books and laptops to facilitate a focused effort to increase literacy skills in both English and Spanish. To join or support our ministry, please contact Linda Wagoner at Lindawaggoner@msn.com.

For information on visiting, contact Julie Messner at

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~~ Adrienne McCrady











Father Jose visiting with the Hogar children



Oral Health discussion

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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!