

Accomplishments of the Solidarity Partnership

- ◆ Three water projects have been completed, which provided running water and latrines to hundreds of families.
- ◆ Dozens of catechist leaders have received formal theological training.
- ◆ Dozens of children have received educational scholarships.
- ◆ The migrant house has received financial aid to continue their important work.
- ◆ The San Marcos diocesan formation center has received a new roof, updated electrical wiring, and beds.
- ◆ The Medical Needs Health Promoter project, run by two Maryknoll sisters who are also doctors, has received thousands of medical supplies, hygiene products, and funds to buy wheelchairs, stoves and solar lamps.
- ◆ Emergency aid was given when the San Marcos area was devastated by Hurricane Stan (2005) and two large earthquakes (2012).
- ◆ Priests have been given financial aid for living and traveling expenses so they can carry out their important sacramental work in their villages.
- ◆ Juan Diego, a Catholic Bi-Lingual Mam and Spanish School now has a library used by students and the surrounding community.
- ◆ Christo Salvador School has received computers, air conditioning units and funds to build student bathroom facilities.

While no one can deny that the people of San Marcos have many material needs, this is not the foundation or purpose of the partnership. The main goal of this partnership is to have a mutual relationship of friendship and sharing of gifts. Therefore, any fundraising efforts are best done when elements of spirituality, education, and relationship building are included. If you and your parish, school, organization or business are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, a diocesan committee member would be happy to meet with you and your committee to help you get started. The committee is also available as a resource for groups already involved with a San Marcos community. Please contact Fr. John Hynes of St. Catherine of Siena and Chair of the Solidarity Committee (302-633-4900) for more information. Inquiries may also be directed to Mary Jo Frohlich of the committee, at maryjofrohlich@gmail.com.