

## **El Salvador Educational Ministry**

“For I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.” (Mt 25:35) Last year, in response to Christ’s calling for us to care for the least among us, Holy Spirit began a ministry to journey with students in Paso Puente and Distrito Italia, El Salvador. This ministry, focused on educating students in these two impoverished communities, has provided much needed funds for transportation, school supplies, food, housing, and tuition.

Average monthly income for families living in Paso Puente and Distrito Italia is between \$150-250. As with many communities in the US, Covid-19 has adversely affected the ability of many families from working. Students are trying to complete their studies remotely, but lack of technology, including electricity, severely impacts the students and their families.

Our ministry has raised over \$13,000 during the past twelve months, supporting 8 college students, 7 high school students, 2 special needs students, and 10 elementary age students. In addition, Holy Spirit supported the hiring of a science teacher in the local school.

27 Holy Spirit parish families have helped sponsor these 27 kids in El Salvador. As we mentioned at the start of this ministry, education and the financial needs will continue. Our ministry was not intended as a one-time gesture, but as an on-going and on-growing endeavor. A second collection is scheduled for the weekend of October 10-11. Your continued support is needed and greatly appreciated.

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### **Journeying with the children of Paso Puente and Distrito Italia**

\$13,400 raised during first year

Over 25 Holy Spirit families involved in ministry

8 college students sponsored

7 high school students sponsored

2 special needs students sponsored

10 elementary school students sponsored

Supported hiring of science teacher for the local school

4 parishioners participated in delegation visit in El Salvador