

Llevando el Evangelio a través del Pan y la Tortilla
Bringing the Gospel by Bread & Tortilla
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We're out of crayons. Carlos sent this image to convey his concern that one of the children's favorite activities at San Mateo was about to be curtailed by the dwindling supply of crayons. (Funds were sent immediately).



Coloring projects now decorate the walls of the Church of San Mateo. The kids there meet each Saturday morning with Fr. Florencio for catechism class. Then Carlos talks to them about a Bible passage and assigns an activity connected to the lesson, often coloring projects that now decorate the church.



The significance of this display, and the energy that went into each drawing, needs to be contrasted with the public school system the kids attend and the limited opportunities they face there for any creative activities. San Mateo, and the Chiapas Project, is providing these kids with an extraordinary extra day of structured learning each week. Last year's survey of what the kids wanted to be when they grew up said it all: the two largest groups wanted to be either a priest (like Fr. Florencio) or a healthcare worker (like Carlos).



Today was the 45th delivery of groceries to families facing food insecurity in the barrio of the Church of San Benito de Nursia in San Cristobal, Chiapas. The Food Pantry is a collaborative venture between the church of San Benito (that provides groceries for families twice each month in the neighborhood of the church) and four churches in Chicago that call themselves The Chiapas Project: Holy Comforter, Church of Our Saviour, Church of the Atonement, and St. Chrysostom's.



Here are representatives of 17 of the families who collected groceries (beans, rice, oil and sugar) this afternoon.

