

Guatemalan Mission Update: Santa Maria de Jesus

Angelitos de Dios School Update

Angelitos de Dios has finally been able to open their doors to students in small groups this week! They are having the children read the books donated by St. Mary Parishioners!

From recent donations, we are sending \$4375 in support for this school to help them meet operating expenses and pay the teachers. The pandemic is still very bad in Guatemala, and the economic hardships faced by many of the families in Santa Maria de Jesus make hard for them to pay the small tuition of \$13 per month. Our support keeps this wonderful school, whose teachers are so dedicated and skilled in meeting the children's educational and emotional needs, in existence. Below is a message (translated from Spanish) from the Principal, Elvia Ortiz, when she heard of our donation:

Only this week the children arrived. We are bad here in Guatemala, due to the pandemic. We called them in small groups and they read the books. We are very excited to have them in school, but God will tell us how it will go in these months. It is costing us a lot here, but we are going to continue as far as God allows us. We were worried about how to continue going forward, and how to pay the teachers' salary, until the end of this year.

But with this great news really 🙏🙏! I am happy to know that you continue to support us. Thank you very much for trusting us. We are very grateful for the support you give us, and I do not know what we would do without you. Thank you very much for everything you help us, we are very grateful. May God bless each donor there in your parish. Many blessings from the Angelitos de Dios family.

We hope you can donate what you can to help this wonderful school continue to meet the educational needs of this poor community. \$150 pays for the education of a child for a year, but any amount would be greatly appreciated!

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