

2022 Goals

Living Stones Campaign

We are excited to return to San Sebastián Coatán this summer after two years without a mission trip.

The home water filtration project will be expanded into two new communities: San Sebastián Coatán and San Juan Ixcoy.

We will continue to increase regular events with Huehuetenango through United in Prayer and other spirituality programs.

We will hold a retreat for those interested in learning more about the work of Ixim who might not be able to travel on the mission trip.

We will help the Disciples of the Good Shepherd begin a new ministry administering the Diocese of Huehuetenango's center for formation and education of lay leaders through the Living Stones campaign.

The Diocese of Huehuetenango has chosen the Disciples of the Good Shepherd to administer their pastoral and liturgical catechesis and training center in Huehuetenango. The St. Joseph Center will train and teach lay people to be leaders and servants in their parishes across the diocese.

For the Disciples to take on this project, they need to renovate an existing building on the site to be suitable for six to seven Disciples to live in and work from.

The Living Stones campaign will raise \$40,000 to renovate the house and purchase the appropriate furniture, appliances, and office setups to promote their work.

Please consider a contribution to help make the Disciples the living stones upon which the future church in Huehuetenango will be built.

We would like to meet our goal to begin renovations by the end of June 2022.



Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity is an archdiocesan ministry cultivating relationships of friendship, faith, and solidarity between the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

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GIFTS OF LOVE AND SOLIDARITY

Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity 2021 Annual Report

Huehuetenango Programs

COVID-19 and Hurricane Relief

Our COVID-19 relief program continued to provide food and medical assistance into the first half of 2021. Ixim supported 122 families in five different communities across Huehuetenango.

In response to the two hurricanes that struck Guatemala in late 2020, Ixim supported the Diocese of Huehuetenango's hurricane relief program by funding the reconstruction of houses that were destroyed by mudslides.

The Diocese and local parishes played a critical role in helping families rebuild because government assistance never reached most of the affected families due to pandemic issues and other challenges.

Water Projects

Our home water filtration systems are now presents in 6,043 homes across eight communities in the Diocese of Huehuetenango. We estimate that this ministry provides clean water to well over 25,000 people now.

Monitoring and maintenance of these systems is performed by trained volunteers in each of the communities. Replacement parts are sold by the Disciples of the Good Shepherd.

In 2022, the home filtration project will expand into two other communities.

Parishes across the diocese continue to operate and maintain five water plants built by Ixim. These plants purify and distribute over 400,000 gallons of water per year.

Disciples of the Good Shepherd

There are currently 37 women in the community of the Disciples of the Good Shepherd. With the consecration of Fabiana Morales in November of 2021, 18 of the women have taken their perpetual vows.

The women in formation, as well as some of the consecrated sisters, continued their education through remote means during the pandemic. There is an opportunity for a scholarship for a pair of the Disciples to study at a missionary university in the United States starting in 2022.

The Diocese of Huehuetenango asked the Disciples of the Good Shepherd to establish another ministry house to serve the Diocese's efforts to form and educate lay leaders. For more information on this effort, please see the back cover of this report.

Education Projects

One of the biggest long-term effects of the pandemic in Guatemala is the lack of educational services for children for almost two years. Remote learning was not possible for most children in Huehuetenango, leaving many of them far behind where they might normally be in their educational progress.

Our support for Catholic education in Huehuetenango helped Catholic schools find creative ways to reach children during the pandemic. This included teachers visiting homes to ensure some learning was happening with materials provided by Ixim's support.

Despite these efforts, the Diocese estimates children are achieving only about 66% of their regular growth. This is still far better than children without the support of the Diocese.

Omaha Programs

Vaccine Clinics

Over the summer, Ixim partnered with OneWorld Community Health, Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, and St. Francis of Assisi parish to administer over 500 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to parishioners and members of the local migrant community.

We're very grateful to our partners, especially Fr. Bill Bond and Fr. Bill Safranek for their support in helping us promote health and safety in our community.

Spirituality

In July, Ixim held its first weekend retreat focused on keeping the spirit of mission alive in those who have traveled to Huehuetenango with us. More retreats to come in 2022!

Our ongoing spirituality programs grew to incorporate a regular, intercultural small-group prayer with participants from both Huehuetenango and Omaha forming five integrated small groups. Our first prayer in 2022 will be in January.

Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity Fiscal Year 2021

Income	
One-Time Contributions	\$65,341
Pledges	\$31,433
Operations Grants	\$35,000
Coffee Sales	\$1,134
Interest and Dividends	\$3
Total income	\$132,910

Expenses	
Disciples of the Good Shepherd	\$33,000
Water Projects	\$14,519
Social Pastoral and Health Projects	\$12,000
Covid-19/Hurricane Relief	\$11,898
Education Projects	\$4,500
Program Support	\$63,818
Fundraising Costs	\$1,092
Total expenses	\$140,826

Net Income	
Income minus expenses	-\$7,915

