

Padrino Visits Through Zoom

Would you like to visit and pray with the Disciple you sponsor? Connect with your Disciple through Zoom. Meetings will be conducted by Charlie, who will help with translation and conversation.

Here is how the meetings will work.

- Visits will last 45 minutes.
- Visits will be available twice per year.
- Visits must take place during available times listed by the Disciples.
- Visits can be done individually or with another sponsor.

If you're interested in planning a visit, please contact Charlie. He will help you schedule your visit and set up the meeting details.



Gifts for the Disciples

Before our annual trip to Huehuetenango, we gather gifts from our sponsors to take to the Disciples. We could not do this in 2020.

With the holidays coming, we would like to send \$25 to each Disciple so she might buy something she needs as a Christmas gift from us. This gift will be sent in your name.

Could you help us with this special gift and holiday greeting?

Charlie will translate and pass on any cards or holiday messages you would like to send to your Disciple.

For the gift, if you are a full sponsor, please send \$25 to the Ixim office or online at ixim.org. If you share a sponsorship, please send \$12.50.



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This year has been filled with unique challenges for Ixim and the Disciples of the Good Shepherd. Despite these challenges, we remain blessed by the generosity of our sponsors in their financial and spiritual support.

One major challenge facing the Disciples during the pandemic was the loss of income of most of the women in formation. To help support the Disciples and their education, many of the women in formation had jobs in parishes or elsewhere from which they earned a small stipend. With parishes and other workplaces closed due to the pandemic, most were unable to receive this important form of support for their community.

At the same time, education continued virtually throughout most of the pandemic. Both the consecrated sisters and the women in formation who are studying needed to pay for their studies though they were not receiving any form of remuneration from their jobs.

Virtual education also meant the Disciples needed to invest in technology for those studying. This investment was most needed

in the formation house where there wasn't a sufficient amount of computers for all the women studying simultaneously through the internet.

Education continues to be the biggest share of the expenses Ixim helps cover for the Disciples. Our contribution of \$30,000 only covered about 60% of the total education expenses for the Disciples as they train in education, pastoral work, social work, and medicine.

The \$6,046 in health care contributions includes both health care expenses paid and money placed into a fund for any catastrophic needs.

Ixim also continues to maintain the Formation House in Huehuetenango, which we helped build several years ago to accommodate the growing community.

If you have any questions about this year's finances, please feel free to contact Charlie. Your gift remains critical for the growth and sustenance of the Disciples.

