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and Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

Good Shepherd Assistance Program

With immense joy his report is shared covering the solidarity work of Ixim, carried out through the economic support of sisters and brothers in Omaha, Nebraska and the organized distribution work done by the Disciples of the Good Shepherd in parishes to take to each home: faith, consolation, joy, solidarity and hope.

Facing this situation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, what the Scripture says that “God loves a cheerful giver” was made a reality being that the cry for help of many of our brothers and sisters was heard by people from Omaha who raised funds to stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable families.

The following criteria were established to select families to benefit from the program:

- That the family was affected by COVID-19;
- That the family was not receiving help from another institution;
- Preference went to families led by a single mother;
- That the support would be given monthly for three months;
- That the goods would be acquired from small, local businesses;
- That there would be an evangelical encounter with families that would allow for getting to know their needs and discuss the best use of the assistance provided.

Delivery Process

In accordance with those who make up the Ixim Leadership Team, it was decided that the Disciples of the Good Shepherd would be responsible for the operations of the program.



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The amount of assistance was set at Q.900 for food and/or medicine. Regarding food, the delivery was done in three times over three consecutive months.

The initial funding received for the program was \$8,000 less \$15 for bank charges leaving \$7,985, which was the equivalent of Q.61,165.10. The initial investment was Q.54,000, leaving an amount of Q.7165.10 available.

The number of families helped with food and medicine was:

Parish	Families receiving food assistance	Families receiving medicine
Huehuetenango	19	
Cuilco	10	3
La Libertad	7	
San Juan Ixcoy	18	
San Sebastián Coatán	2	1
Total	56	4

With immense happiness in this report we thank God for the opportunity given to us to help sixty families, who, without a doubt, have a heart filled with gratitude to God, the fellowship of Ixim, and the community of the Disciples of the Good Shepherd. Combining forces, these groups made this miracle of love possible, to make so many of our sisters and brothers smile to whom was given not just food for their bodies, but also for their souls.

PARROQUIA DE SAN ANDRÉS APÓSTOL, CUILCO





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PARROQUIA LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN CATEDRAL, HUEHUETENANGO



PARROQUIA CRISTO NEGRO DE ESQUIPULAS, LA LIBERTAD



PARROQUIA DE SAN JUAN BAUTISTA MÁRTIR, SAN JUAN IXCOY

