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Disciples of the Good Shepherd.

each item. questions or more in-depth information on Please feel free to contact Charlie with any

monthly donations to the General Fund, as Fiscal Year 2020 goals include an increase in

related to Trip 15 which straddled fiscal years. the previous Fiscal Year, particularly payments Year 2019 come from payments deferred from

Differences in expenses to income in Fiscal

Omaha. Thank you for your ongoing support. Fund and grants from the Archdiocese of of Huehuetenango comes from our General Program support in Omaha and in the Diocese

directly to schools in Huehuetenango. means all money raised for Education goes are dedicated 100% to that project. This

All funds designated for a particular project

in 2017. Thank you for your generosity! 2018 and up 13% over our previous best year missionary travel was up 20% over Fiscal Year best year ever. Income not related to Trip 16 We're thrilled that Fisical Year 2019 was our

Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Report



#### The Road Ahead

Our goals for 2020 include:

Begin process of investigating sustainable health project in San Sebastian Coatan

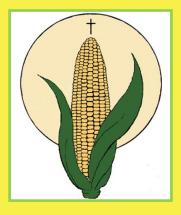
Launch of home filtration project in San Sebastian Coatan

Increased support for the Mayan and migrant communities in Omaha

Addition of three new sister school partnerships between schools in Omaha and Huehuetenango

Lenten prayer and reflection program in Omaha

Trip 17: June 17-28, 2020



Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity asks you to consider how you can help change lives in the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Huehuetenango. Help spread mission spirituality in your parish. Work to improve the lives of migrants. Support projects through your giving and prayers.

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### **Working Together**



## **Ixim: Spirit of** Solidarity

2019 Annual Report



#### **Disciples**

Sister Nora and the Disciples want us all to know how grateful they feel to have received such blessings from the infinite and deep love of God. The Disciples will celebrate the 21st anniversary of their founding on December 28.

The consecrated sisters are filled with joy by their presence in five parishes across Huehuetenango. Three sisters work in parish administration. Three sisters work in parochial schools. One sister works in the office of the Cardinal Bishop. Eight sisters work in pastoral ministries. Three sisters also work in the formation house.

The Disciples are hoping to welcome new women this coming year.



#### Water

Our home filtration project now brings clean water to over 5,000 families in Huehuetenango. Starting five years ago with 900 filters in the central deanery, the program has grown to seven parishes across Huehuetenango.

In 2019, Ixim purchased another 1,200 filters using money donated from the generosity of parishioners from the Archdiocese of Omaha.

In 2020, we will look to expand the home filtration project to San Sebastian Coatan, our mission community and host parish for the next four years.



#### Health

Our Trip 16 medical mission saw over 150 patients in communities where health professionals are scarce. We also distributed vitamins to over 100 children under three years-old and 20 pregnant women.

This year, we used a grant from Vitamin Angels for a multi-site vitamin distribution project to ensure communities with which lxim previously worked also receive vitamins. Vitamins were dispensed to 163 children and 54 pregnant women in San Miguel Acatan and 20 pregnant women in Huehuetenango. We hope to expand this program to more communities in 2020.



#### Education

lxim added two pairs of sister schools in 2019.

St, Matthew's in Bellevue is paired with Maria de la Asuncion in Colotenango.

St. Bernadette is paired with Sagrado Corazon de Jesus in Aldea San Jose Pueblo Nuevo Jucup, San Sebastian Coatan.

We also held many wonderful events at Skutt High School, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Thomas More, St. Wenceslaus, St. Stephen the Martyr, and Mercy High School.

Teachers from Skutt and St. Wenceslaus travelled as missionaries on Trip 16.



#### Mission

Twenty-three missionaries travelled to San Sebastian Coatan and Santo Domingo in June. This trip was the first of our five-year relationship with San Sebastian Coatan. Our missionaries came from twelve parishes across the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Highlights of the trip included working alongside the Disciples of the Good Shepherd in Juan Pablo II school, providing much-needed healthcare in Santo Domingo, mass with now-Cardinal Ramazzini, and fellowship with our sisters and brothers of the Social Pastoral office in Huehuetenango.

Formation for Trip 17 begins Sunday, January 26.



#### **Spirituality**

We've gathered many times as a community for prayer, reflection and service. Our retreat in September gave us time to reflect on the challenges we've accepted on our spiritual journeys as a result of our time in Guatemala. We're looking forward to a Lenten prayer and reflection program starting in February,

We've partnered with the Mayan community in Omaha to celebrate our relationship and strengthen our bonds in Omaha.

In 2020 we hope to continue to work with the Mayan and migrant communities to build a community in Omaha based on solidarity and love for our neighbor.