

## New Women in Formation

The Disciples welcomed four new women into formation in January. We are still looking for two new sponsors to help support them. Please consider reaching out to your connections to bring them into this special relationship with the truly remarkable community of the Disciples of the Good Shepherd.

The four women are:

Francisca Rosaura Lopez Tomas  
from San Pedro Soloma

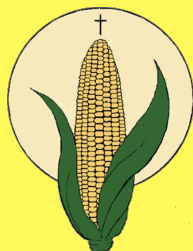
Luisa Clara Jacinto Loarca from San Juan Ixcoy

Guadalupe Andres Andres from Nentón

Lucia Guadalupe Hernandez Quiñonez  
from Jacaltenango

Please continue to pray for them and all the Disciples, especially on Tuesdays.

Details about each of the women was included with this newsletter.



## ST. JOSEPH WATER CAMPAIGN

To celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, we are holding a six-week campaign between the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) and the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1) to raise money for an expansion of our home water filtration project.

Our goal in 2021 is to expand the reach of the home filtration systems into new communities like San Sebastián Coatán and Nentón. We'll be building 1,500 new systems to meet this goal.

A donation of \$300 will provide clean water for 20 families for five years.

A donation of \$150 will provide clean water for 10 families for five years..

A donation of \$50 will clean water for three families for five years.

Today, or any day during these six weeks, go to [ixim.org](http://ixim.org) to give to our St. Joseph Water Campaign or send a contribution to the address below.

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## DISCIPLES OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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## Disciples Zoom Calls



*Catarina and her sponsors meeting through Zoom*

One lesson we've all learned from the pandemic is how we can stay connected though we cannot be together physically. We want to take what we've learned to help build stronger connections between you and your Disciple.

Zoom calls with the Disciples have been a powerful spiritual opportunity for the sponsor and the Disciple alike. We pray together, share about our lives, and get a unique chance to feel the warmth of a smile as we connect.

Charlie coordinates the meeting at a convenient time suitable for you and your Disciple. He also provides a little guide for everyone and translation during the meeting. If you share sponsorship, you can meet with your cosponsor or by yourself.

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# CONNECTING WITH THE DISCIPLES

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This spring we're hoping that every sponsor might take some time to connect with the Disciples through a Zoom call. These calls are a wonderful way to pray together and support one another. Please consider taking the time to arrange a meeting with Charlie and your Disciple in the next couple months.

Deb and John McCrosky, and Vince and I have had the privilege of sharing sponsorship of Catarina Garcia Jimenez for the past 13 years. To have the opportunity to Zoom with Cata was very special. Then, to hear about her work in Padre Marco's Parish, continued study and her involvement in Community Prayer in Quilco was amazing. Living in San Ildefonso Ixtahuacan, Cata reminded us about her family's need for prayers for health and well-being. Our exchange on Zoom was beautiful, intimate and filled with hope for the future.

### **From Paula and Vince Lenz**

The opportunity to have a Zoom exchange with Catarina helped to put a face on someone who my husband John had never met! It was wonderful to be able to talk with Cata in real time and hear how she is doing. Also to ask about her family, work and community and provide emotional support! Hopefully other sponsors will be able to have a similar experience as it helps to strengthen our ties with the Disciples!

### **From Deb and John McCrosky**