



OUR FOR HONDURAS

HONDURAS AWARENESS WEEKEND



Pope Francis' message for the Day of the Poor is inspired by the book of Tobit: "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor." "When we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus."

He reminds us that "what the poor need is certainly our humanity, our hearts open to love," and that "the poor are persons; they have faces, stories, hearts and souls."

Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world. Thanks to all our families and your continuous support to our covenant with our mission partner, the **Fray Casimiro Cypher Institute in Honduras**, and to your prayers, we are helping the students and their families to get out of poverty and to get a better life.

Thanks to your generous donations, we continue to support the students with their education by helping to purchase textbooks and uniforms for students in need, by subsidizing teachers' salaries, and by our families' direct support of the scholarship program.

We renewed our commitment to assist on the improvement of the trade school curriculum. Our goal is to enable students to make a living right after high school graduation.

This year we will also help open a technology room that will include a computer center and a science laboratory.



We made a lot of progress in the three new programs implemented last year!



Through the Program for Development of Personal and Social Wellbeing, we helped build a cafeteria for students and for teachers. We also supported the development of recreational programs and spaces for the students to gain a healthier lifestyle by participating in programs like soccer, volleyball, and others. Further, we assisted on opening a clinic that benefits the school and the community. This clinic offered its first vaccination campaign last month.

Through the Program for Religious education, we helped explore options for religious education on campus. Students and staff started celebrating religious holidays with all students and facilitated forming a pastoral youth group. This group organizes activities and talks to strengthen Christian, human, and civic values of the students. We are helping expand the chapel to include a vestry and a bell tower.



Our Tutoring Program via Zoom grew immensely! Several adults of our community offered FREE tutoring and reading sessions to students of all grades at the Bilingual School weekly for one hour.

What can you do?

Please keep praying for our brothers and sisters in Honduras as they do for us. Donations, no matter how big or small, are always welcome to support our Honduras Mission Program. Donations can be made via Faith Direct.

Please visit our gsc.net/Honduras website to learn more about our program, and to listen to our students' testimonials.

On behalf of the students and staff at the Institute, **THANK YOU** for your continued support. With your help, we are having a positive impact on the lives of many young students, their families, and their community.