

FAMILY to EAVIWA

WHAT WILL YOUR SPONSORSHIP PROVIDE A CHILD PER YEAR?

Foremost – a chance to go to school! School uniforms, supplies, books, notebooks and other school necessities; food supplements for a healthy diet; sports programs and equipment to build teamwork and recreation opportunities; preventative health programs and health exams; educational field trips to museums, zoos and other out of school educational activities; and communication with the sponsoring family in St Francis Parish.

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES EXPANDED

The sister parish committee has expanded the categories of sponsorship for the Family to Family Project so that more St. Francis families may participate. Since school began on January 8th in El Salvador, we need to complete the final number of sponsors so that we may notify Padre Manuel. Please consider these options:

Full Sponsorship

A full sponsorship donor commits to developing a relationship by praying for the family, communicating quarterly with help from our volunteer interpreters, exchanging pictures, and making a financial gift of \$250.00 for a year. This aid provides a school uniform, shoes, books, supplemental nutrition and a small stipend for sports equipment for a year.

Partial Sponsorship

A partial sponsorship donor participates in the project by agreeing to pray for the family, communicate quarterly, exchange pictures and make a financial gift of \$125.00.

Supporting Sponsorship

A supporting sponsorship donor contributes \$250.00 for financial support without a commitment to develop a relationship.

Non-monetary Sponsorship

A non-monetary sponsorship is a commitment to pray for a particular family and develop a long-term relationship through letter and picture exchange.

Thanks to all who are considering a sponsorship.

QUARTERLY COLLECTION

The quarterly collection for our Sister Parish will be taken up this weekend, January 20-21. For your convenience,



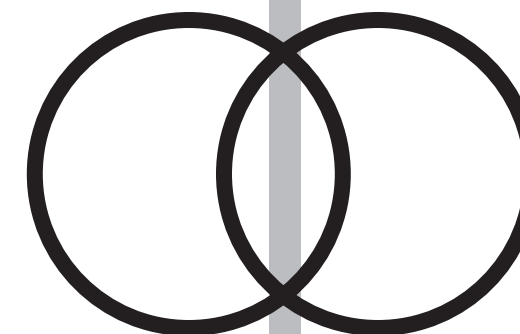
special envelopes are included in your monthly envelope package. Your prayer & generous monetary support is important.

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Sister Parish Relationship

ALERT! OUR FAMILY TO FAMILY

Padre Manuel has just sent us pictures and family information for the twenty-five poorest children from Las Vueltas (See photos and summaries inside), and so far, seven St. Francis families have chosen to become sponsors. The twin goals of the project are to

PROJECT NEEDS MORE SPONSORS

create long-lasting relationships between St. Francis and Las Vueltas families and to offer financial support to children who otherwise will not be able to attend school. Find out more either **Thursday, January 25th, 6:30 pm** or **Sunday, January 28th, 11:15 am in Unity 1.**





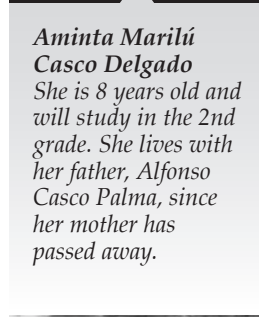
He is 11 years old and is entering the 6th grade. He can only count on his mama, María Miriam, the heart of the home. She thanks God for the St. Francis brotherhood. **Alexander Delgado Alas**



He is 10 years old and is entering 3rd grade. His mother, María Teodolinda, is a housekeeper. **Julio Salvador Guardado Calles**



She is 8 and studying in 2nd grade. Her papa, Roberto Antonio, has no formal education. Her mama, Santos, works as a housekeeper. **Jacqueline Beatriz Cartagena Delgado**



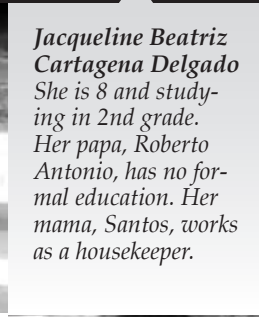
She is 8 years old and will study in the 2nd grade. She lives with her father, Alfonso Casco Palma, since her mother has passed away. **Aminta Marilú Casco Delgado**



He is age 9, starting 3rd grade. Papa Alejandro is a farmer and mama Anabel says this help is invaluable and they promise to make the best of this gift. **José Alfredo Guardado Escobar**



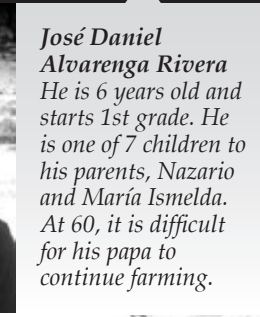
He is 6 years old and starts 1st grade. He is one of 7 children to his parents, Nazario and María Ismelda. At 60, it is difficult for his papa to continue farming. **José Daniel Alvarenga Rivera**



She is 11 years old and in 5th grade. Her papa, José Dimas, is a workman. Her mother's name is Sara. **María Cristina Escobar Sibrian**



She is 6 years old and is in kindergarten. Rubia Marisol Ortiz is a single mother doing her best to support her daughter. **Cenayda Beatriz Palma**



He is 6 years old and is in kindergarten. His papa, Oscar García, is a bricklayer and his mama, Blanca, does domestic work. **Sandro José García Melgar**



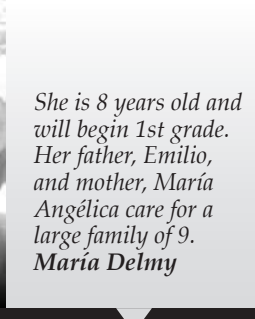
She is 9 years old and will study in the 3rd grade. Her parents José y María del Carmen are very poor and can only afford to send a few of their 5 kids to school. **Roxana Beatriz Rivera García**



He is 12 years old and is in 4th grade. His parents are papa José Antonio and María Alicia, mama and housewife. **Marco Tulio Nieto Arriaga**



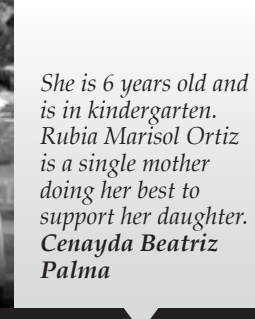
She is 7 and is studying in 2nd grade. Her mama, María Alicia, takes care of their family of 4 while papa, Erick Ovidio, works a small farm. **María de los Ángeles**



He is a 2nd grader and is 11 years old. He is part of a large family of 7 kids supported by their mama, María Adelia Cerros who works making hammocks. **Melvin Omar Cerros**



She is 9 years old and begins 3rd grade. She suffers from a vision disease which her very poor parents, Jeremías y María, can't afford to treat properly. **María Concepción Menjivar Ayala**



He is 12 years old and is in 5th grade. He suffers from chronic flu attacks, which is a challenge for his mother, María Lucila, to care for. **Roberto Carlos Guardado**



He is 12 years old and will begin 4th grade. Only his mama, María Lorena, supports him and works as a home-maker. They are very thankful for any help. **Ulises Efraín Rodríguez Orellana**



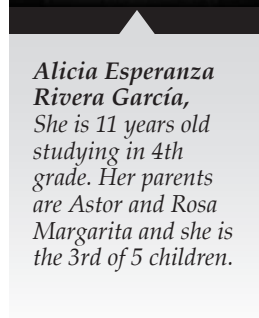
He is 10 years old and will enter 1st grade. His mother's name is María Adelia Mejía. **José Alfredo Mejía Ortiz**



She is 6 years old and will enter 1st grade. Gerardo and Carlota are her parents. At 58, her father is quite old to be working daily in the mountainous cornfields. **Nancy Idalma Calles Guardado**



She is 8 years old, starting 3rd grade and only has her mother for support. They look forward to making good friends with their sponsor family. **Jessica Yesenia Rivas Menjivar**



She is 11 years old studying in 4th grade. Her parents are Astor and Rosa Margarita and she is the 3rd of 5 children. **Alicia Esperanza Rivera García**



Two meetings are planned for anyone interested in becoming sponsors, or those interested in helping with implementation of our Family to Family project. Attend one of the following days:

Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 PM or Sunday, January 28th immediately following 10 AM Mass.

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A plan for a future of hope, understanding, knowledge and far reaching friendship.

Both will be held in Unity 1. Families who have completed their registration will be matched with a family \ student to sponsor, and those still interested in participation will have an opportunity to get more information and register. Please bring your prayerful decision to one of these two meetings or call Cindy Murrill, 206-241-7227 or Jack Michaels, 206-242-6972.

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