



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Transforming Lives in Santa Rosa

Our Parish's Advent Outreach



At 7 years old, David never slept in a bedroom — or in a proper house.

Every night, he would lie down alongside his mother in a dilapidated barn, because there was no room for them in their family's tiny one-room shack. David's bed was made among the chickens and farm equipment in a structure built from scraps of wood, metal sheets and plastic tarps.

As Catholics, we recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — and we are also called to see our Savior's face in the poor. Looking into David's eyes, we should see Christ and hear our Lord pleading with us to provide an escape from this terrible situation.

In response to this call, our parish is partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to bless families like David's in Guatemala's Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima by providing safe, stormproof homes to those in greatest need. Your compassion and generosity will support Father Raúl Monterroso and his incredible Caritas ministry as they build concrete block homes for the poorest of the poor.

More than 2,000 years after Christ's humble birth, Guatemalan children pray for the simple blessing of a safe place to sleep — and this Advent season, you can help answer that prayer!

Scan this QR Code with your smart device to learn more about our *Transforming Lives in Santa Rosa* Advent campaign.



Help Our Parish Bless a Family With a Safe Home

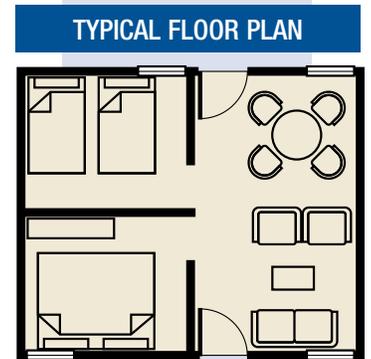
In Guatemala's rural Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima, every day is a struggle to exist. Parents are in the fields before sunrise, performing backbreaking labor as subsistence farmers. They're dependent on rain for their crop's survival — but rain also turns their flimsy homes into muddy, moldy messes.



The Cortez-Lopez family, shown below, serves as a powerful example of the transformation that takes place when a family moves into a concrete home. Families are healthier and happier, and children are rested and prepared for school. Most importantly, a safe home renews their faith in God, as their prayers have been answered!

A **\$6,034** gift will cover material and labor costs for Fr. Raúl's ministry to build a durable concrete home with a sanitary latrine, washbasin, clean air stove and secure metal door. **Any amount you are able to give will make a**

difference. Each family receiving a new home will be invited to participate in the building process alongside a professional construction crew, giving families a sense of dignity in contributing toward their new home.



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