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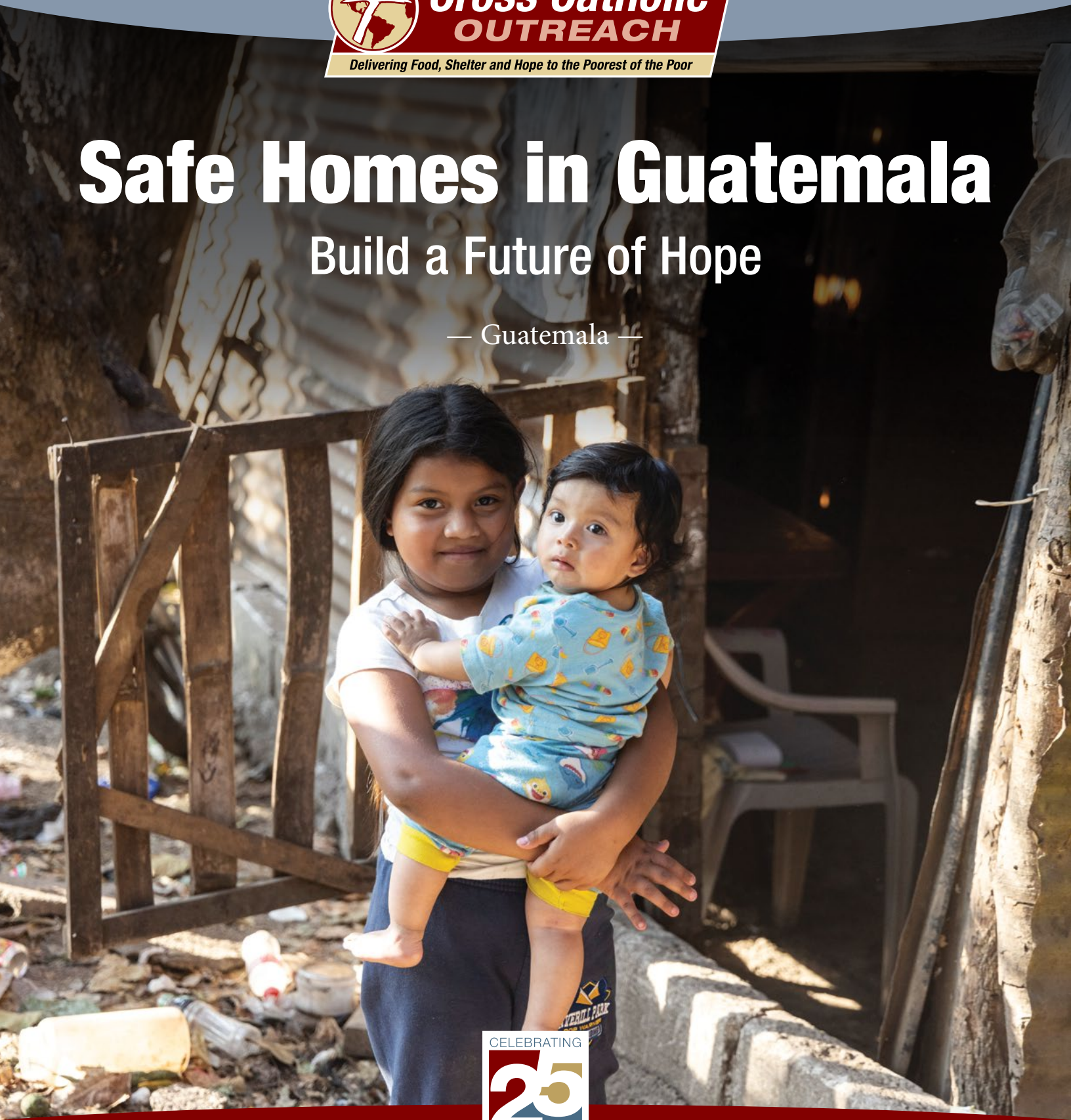
Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Safe Homes in Guatemala

Build a Future of Hope

— Guatemala —



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

Jennifer lovingly protects her little brother, Jordy, from the harsh conditions of living in a flimsy, dirt-floored home.

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Father Alejandro Garcia of the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima assures Marta and her family that our loving Lord has heard their pleas.

The Cries of the Poor Rise Up to God

Marta suffers the anguish of being a mother in rural Guatemala who can't protect her beloved children.

Rain pours through the flimsy roof of the family's tin shack, often soaking the four children and their beds. It happens so often that they stay prepared. They always keep dry bed sheets in a bag so they can change them out after a storm. They try to repair the roof, but all they can afford are wads of gum to stick in the holes.

Water from heavy rains also runs down the hill next to their home and floods their rocky dirt floor, eventually forming a large pool around one of the old, broken-down mattresses.

But high winds are the scariest. "We have to hold the roof when it is windy so the roof won't blow away," Marta said.

Sadly, many families in rural Guatemala face similar challenges in makeshift homes that offer little protection. Parents who earn meager wages working in farm fields can't afford adequate meals for their children, let alone build a sturdy home. Homes are built with whatever flimsy materials they can find.

And yet, being poor in possessions doesn't mean Marta can't be rich in something much more important — faith.

"God is all I have," she said.

And he has heard her plea for help! As you read on, you will see how local Catholic leaders feel called to bring God's mercy to Marta and many others who suffer. You will also see how these gifts are transforming lives. Already, our past support has equipped Church ministries to build safe homes for 1,200 families and provide additional material and spiritual blessings that enable thousands of impoverished people to create a future of hope.

Read on to meet other families you can help and to see how your gift can have double the impact because of a challenge gift!

Executive Summary

Description

Catholic leaders in Guatemala are eager to reach more suffering families with life-changing programs that are transforming rural communities trapped in poverty. With our support, Church ministries will empower parents and children to create bright futures with sturdy homes and other material and spiritual blessings that provide family income, opportunity and hope. Your gift will enable families to remain strong and united in their own communities, secure in the love of Christ.

Angelica always makes sure her little sister, Selma, is safe.

Purpose

To transform lives by empowering families with the material and spiritual blessings they need to overcome generational poverty.

Our Partners

Six Guatemalan dioceses and archdioceses and a nonprofit organization that are all dedicated to transforming the lives of the poor.

Campaign Goal

$7,611,667 is needed so impoverished families can overcome challenges of unsafe housing, hunger and hopelessness, giving children the opportunity to build lives of hope. *See a complete financial summary on page 14.*

Campaign Highlights

Your gift will bless impoverished rural families in the following ways:

HOUSING Build 240 stormproof homes, bringing safe shelter to 1,212 family members in 22 impoverished communities.

EDUCATION Offer scholarships for 216 impoverished children and support teacher salaries and operations at a Catholic secondary school with enrollment expected to reach 400 students.

MICROENTERPRISE Enable 125 families to expand home-based agricultural, baking and retail businesses so they can become financially secure.

AGRICULTURE Equip 610 families to grow nutritious food and earn income by expanding crop fields and livestock businesses or planting home gardens.

FOOD Ship more than 5.1 million nutritious Vitafood meals to hungry families.

WATER & HEALTH Create an expanded health clinic in one village where a physician can treat patients three times a month while maintaining health promoters in this village and eight others.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH & DIOCESAN STRENGTHENING Support small-group Christian communities, seminarians and priests, and provide operational expenses for lay Catholic ministry workers.

BOX OF JOY Surprise children with what may be their first Christmas gift and remind them of God's love.

Give today to bless families with safe homes and hope!

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Adolfo's family and many others in Guatemala live in rocky, dirt-floored shacks that offer little protection from rain and dangerous critters like snakes and scorpions.

SECTION I

THE NEED

When storms strike, the flimsy roof on Mayari's home shakes. And so does she. "I'm afraid of lightning and thunder. I hide under the sheets," she said.

Teresa, right, leads her family in prayer at their home altar, praising God and asking for his protection.

Poverty in Guatemala

Poverty in rural Guatemala is not a choice; it's a trap.

Without a quality education and facing a lack of economic opportunities, young people have no way to build a path out of the poverty they were born into. The obstacles are so great that nearly six in 10 people in rural Guatemala are born into poverty and never escape its snares (World Food Programme).

Each day, as their hope is drained by living in a makeshift home that offers little protection, these men, women and children turn to God for help, praying fervently for his mercies.

Family Challenges in Guatemala

- **Lack of steady work:** 60% of people work in the informal sector, earning meager wages.
- **Hunger:** Almost half the population can't afford the food needed to be healthy.
- **Stunted growth:** 47% of children under 5 suffer from stunted growth due to malnutrition.
- **Childhood deaths:** The mortality rate for children under 5 is three times greater than in the U.S.
- **Natural disasters:** Guatemala is among the 10 countries in the world most vulnerable to natural disasters and climate emergencies.

Sources: World Food Programme and The World Bank

Join a Family's Heartfelt Prayer

Santiago lives with a nagging pain every day. Despite his hard work in local farm fields, he can't make enough to keep his family safe. "All of the money we make is barely enough to buy food for the family," he said.

He and his wife, Teresa, have only two children, but the extended family is so poor that 16 people sleep in the tin shack that can't keep out the rain. Watch our "Build a Future of Hope" video and see how this family and others ask the Lord for his loving intervention. Visit **CrossCatholic.org/house**.

A Mother Pleads to the Lord for Protection

Rodolfo and Maria's home is always full of faith, love and joy. Sometimes, however, it also fills with discomfort and fear.

First, there's the water that floods in when it rains.

"Whenever the wind comes through, the rainwater comes through," said Maria, as she pointed to thin walls made of discarded tin sheets and wood slats that have large gaps. When the rain starts, her family scrambles to a dry part of the house.

"The beds get wet, and the floors get muddy," said Maria, who lives with her husband, young son and grandson.

Maria is teaching her son, Andri, left, and grandson, Christopher, how to choose joy despite their leaky home and many other challenges in life.

High winds fill the family with fear. Just before we visited, a strong wind had knocked off part of the roof. The family got quite wet that night as they huddled in panic. Later, they replaced the tin sheets and put heavy blocks on top.

There's also the problem of termites.

These hungry bugs seem to have taken over the house, creating a nest about three feet long at the apex of the thatched roof that covers most of the house. The wooden support poles that hold up the house are deteriorating as termites feast.

For now, at least, the ceiling remains intact — but what drops from it causes the biggest scare.

"A lot of snakes and scorpions fall from the roof," Maria said.

Scorpions are particularly scary because they also suddenly appear when the family picks up clothes or firewood. A scorpion sting can cause a person's entire arm and tongue to go numb.

With Rodolfo earning just $10 a day as a farm laborer, the family can't afford a better home. But Maria knows someone else who can. "I ask my Lord for a house because we have no money to pay for it," she shared.

Until then, she and her family patiently persist in all these trials. After all, they have each other, and they have the Lord.

"I'm a happy person," she said with a broad smile and then a hearty laugh. "I will be so grateful to the Lord if we get a new house. I'm always happy, but I'll be even happier then."

Praying for a Miracle

Maria's heart aches every night. Her children are no longer near her and her husband, Ancelmo, at bedtime — the family's crumbling home is just too unsafe.

"I worry each night. When they get sick, I don't hear them," the loving mother said sadly.

She and Ancelmo decided their aging home, built with handmade mud bricks, was no longer safe for the children. Rainwater streams down a steep hillside, eroding the home's walls and often flooding the rocky floor. The mud bricks are cracking, and one wall has already collapsed.

Afraid the entire house could fall in, Ancelmo built a separate small structure made of tin sheets, where six of the couple's seven children now sleep. The tin house is about 20 yards downhill, so the couple's toddler, Mercedes, must now look to her siblings for comfort at night. The only child remaining with the parents is their baby daughter, Melany.

Despite their best effort, the family still worries that the new home's thin walls cannot withstand the strong winds that hit their mountain community. But building a larger and safer home is not possible. The space on the hillside and the family's income are both too small. Ancelmo and his two oldest sons work as laborers on local farms, each earning just $10 a day when they can find work.

"Sometimes we have three meals a day," Maria said. "Other times, all we have are coffee and tortillas."

Maria quickly adds, however, that the family is full of hope because they believe in the providence of an all-loving God. They frequently kneel in prayer at their home altar, and all the girls wear scapulars of the Blessed Mother.

"We ask God for the miracle of a new house," Maria said. "Just the fact that you are visiting us today shows that God is at work."

Maria is praying for the miracle of having a safe house to raise her children.

The family's mud-brick home is crumbling, so most of the children live apart from their parents.

SECTION II

THE PLAN

Vidalia and her children are so happy to have a safe new home that they set up a home altar on the front porch, where they gather to read the Bible.

Extending a Hand of Blessing

The mercy of God is spreading across Guatemala, thanks to our generous friends. We are now building sturdy homes in partnership with six Catholic dioceses and archdioceses!

With your help, our partners will build 240 homes in Guatemala this year, bringing our grand total to 1,441. Once this year's homes are complete, we will have helped 7,291 individuals move into safer living conditions since 2013.

As we link arms with a growing number of ministry partners, more suffering families are being blessed with hope and healing. Rooted in the Catholic principle of integral human development, our mission aims to strengthen the Church's local capacity to serve the most vulnerable through holistic, tangible interventions that foster both spiritual and material transformation.

Father Alejandro blesses the family of Antonio and Jocelyn as they live out their new life in Christ, supported by a sturdy home, a bountiful home garden, nutritious meals and spiritual renewal. New homes built this year will include a covered porch that provides access to a washbasin and bathroom.

In addition to sturdy homes, thousands of Guatemalan families are being empowered with clean water, improved nutrition, inspiring education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods and vibrant parish life.

Our Growing Impact

2006: Our work of mercy begins in Guatemala with a grant to a small shelter for women fleeing domestic violence.

2013: Our projects in the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima expand to build 17 homes in partnership with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum.

2017: We build our 100th home in the diocese.

2019: Our outreach programs in Guatemala expand to the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu.

2023: Our home-building projects extend to the dioceses of Sololá-Chimaltenango and Escuintla.

2026: We build our 1,000th sturdy home in Guatemala.

A Joyful Gift of Love

Our Box of Joy® ministry is a wonderful complement to our partners' outreaches in Guatemala. Each gift is a sign of Christ's love and could be the only Christmas present a child has ever received. We invite U.S. Catholics to help us by packing fun surprises, hygiene products and school supplies. Each child also receives a rosary and *The Story of Jesus*.

We launched Box of Joy in 2014, and it has steadily grown to reach children in eight countries. We expect to deliver our millionth Box of Joy gift this coming Christmas season!

Isabel, left, and her sister, Darly, are delighted to receive surprise gifts for the first time.

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Our Partners in Compassion

Our vision for continued growth is anchored in the local expertise of our Catholic ministry partners and driven by a shared mission to bring hope. The goal is to expand these local partnerships in ways that are scalable and have a high potential to transform communities. It is a mustard seed approach — starting small and growing together.

Here are our ministry partners:

Partners for More Than Five Years

- **Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima:** Cross Catholic Outreach's partnership with the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima began in the aftermath of earthquakes and flooding that had devastated the area. Over the years, the relationship has expanded into a wide-ranging empowerment effort that has transformed thousands of lives.
- **Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu:** Our relationship with the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima opened the door to a partnership with this nearby diocese, enabling an expansion of outreaches to remote villages.
- **Friends for Health and Life:** This ecumenical ministry is a longtime partner and continues to be a reliable friend of the poor. We work with Friends for Health and Life to provide nutritious Vitafood meals and medical supplies to a vast network of schools, feeding centers, hospitals and programs serving the poor.

Our Expansion Partners

- **Diocese of Sololá-Chimaltenango:** A partner since 2023, this diocese has already built 49 homes through our assistance. As we expand the housing outreach here, we are also adding an income-generation project that empowers impoverished mothers by teaching them to operate a commercial sewing machine.
- **Diocese of Escuintla:** Our support continues to help the diocese enhance its long-standing outreach programs and bless more families. We will expand beyond the eight homes built last year while adding a home gardens program to further empower families.
- **The Archdiocese of Los Altos:** We successfully completed a pilot home-building project last year with this new partner. As with the Diocese of Escuintla, we are expanding the number of new homes being built this year and creating a home gardens program to provide nutritious food and family income.
- **The Archdiocese of Santiago de Guatemala:** This partner has a high-capacity distribution center and has been receiving Vitafood meals for impoverished families, as well as medical supplies for local health outreaches. We started a pilot housing project last year and are now ready to expand that program and complement it with a home gardens program.

HOUSING

With your help, we will build 240 homes in the coming year, providing safe shelter to 1,212 people. Concrete-block homes will be built in 22 communities in these dioceses and archdioceses:

- **Diocese of Escuintla:**
  11 homes in four communities
- **Archdiocese of Santiago de Guatemala:**
  20 homes in one community
- **Archdiocese of Los Altos:**
  18 homes in two communities
- **Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima:**
  62 homes in two communities
- **Diocese of Sololá-Chimaltenango:**
  38 homes in four communities
- **Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu:**
  91 homes in nine communities

A New Home Creates Special Family Time

A new concrete-block home has brought safety, security and a surprising blessing for Felix and Adilia — the joy of just relaxing on the floor with their children, talking and laughing.

"Now, we do something we never did before," Adilia said. "During the day, we lay a sheet on the floor and hang out."

She loves this special time with their two young children and baby. They talk. They play. They tell silly stories, and they all laugh.

Sturdy walls create a safe space for a loving family to bond and grow.

This fun family time is only possible because of our faithful supporters! Generous gifts enabled the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu to build the family a new home with sturdy walls, a solid roof, lockable doors and a smooth cement floor. For the first time, the family's life is free from the fear of rainwater flooding their house, scorpions sneaking in to sting them, or intruders entering while they are away.

"We feel safe in this house," Adilia said.

Their old makeshift house was made of wood slats that had gaps and holes, so the dirt floor was often muddy. Adilia was also always worried that a scorpion or snake would sneak in and threaten her children.

"We are so grateful to the Lord and to the donors who made this possible," she said.

New Homes Bring Lasting Blessings

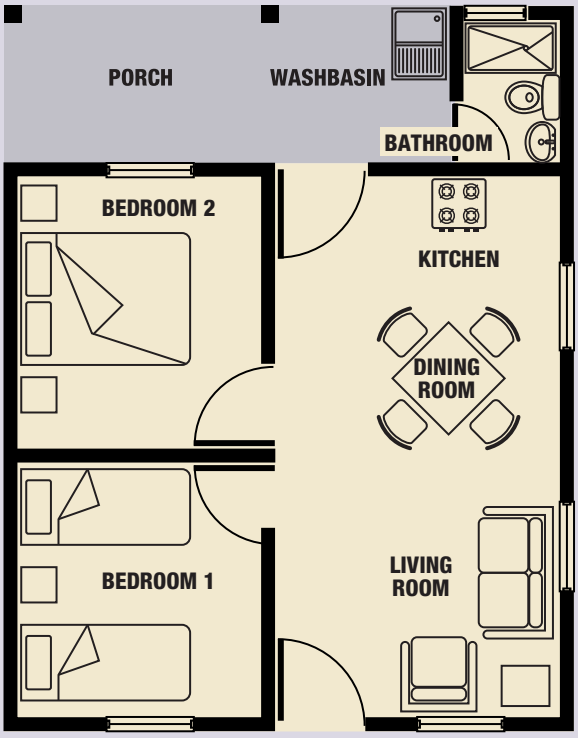
Her family's new home has given Olivia a new responsibility — keeping the house clean for her children. She couldn't be happier.

"In the old house with the dirt floor, the children could never lie on the floor. Now, I sweep and mop the floor to keep it clean. My children love to play on the floor now," said the mother of two young children and a baby.

Olivia and her husband, Euelio, had never owned a broom or mop before. Like other families living in dirt-floored shacks, they had no need. The best they could do was try to avoid the mud that often formed inside.

In the developed world, many of us forget to view brooms and mops as blessings. Our brothers and sisters in rural Guatemala long for the opportunity to see their children thriving in clean homes. This is just one of the many blessings you can bring a family with your gift.

Euelio, Olivia and their children make the sign of the cross as they thank the Lord for the gifts of nutritious meals and a safe home provided by our friends.



SAMPLE FLOOR PLAN

New Home Features

The new homes in each diocese will feature:

- **A bathroom:** The porch features an enclosed bathroom with a shower, toilet and sink. In areas where a local well supplies homes with water, families will be able to take showers and flush toilets with a lever. In areas without water, they will flush the toilet by dumping water in. The shower stall will provide a private area for cleaning up.
- **A self-cleaning biodigester:** Wastewater from the home will be funneled to a buried biodigester. Wastewater undergoes primary treatment, which allows separation of solids and liquids. Subsequently, the liquid fraction passes through an additional biofilter before entering the absorption well, where it flows through three additional stone filters and ultimately returns to the subsurface.
- **Earthquake-resistant:** Concrete is poured on-site to create a sturdy foundation and strong walls so the homes can withstand earthquakes and storms.
- **Interior space:** Bedrooms with entrance doors provide privacy while a common area provides a place for families to gather for meals and conversation.
- **Covered porch:** A covered porch provides space for families to gather and has a washbasin for cleaning clothes and household items.

EDUCATION

Bryan's shirt says it best: "We are the future." That future looks bright for Bryan and many other young people in Guatemala, thanks to our friends.

Scholarship support is enabling Bryan to advance in his schooling and make ambitious plans. Without a scholarship from the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu, the boy would have had to drop out of school because his parents could not afford daily transportation. Today, though, he dreams of attending college to become an agronomist.

Bryan and his mother, Marlin, are grateful for a scholarship that enables him to stay in school.

Bryan discovered his love for agriculture at a young age. His late grandfather had land where he grew corn, and he took the time to show the young boy how to properly plant and fertilize the crops.

"I would help the people here with their crops and guide them in the way to improve their harvests," the eighth grader said, describing his future goals.

Bryan's mother, Marlin, is moved to tears by her son's passion for hard work. "It comes from my parents," she said, pausing to wipe her eyes. "That's how I was raised."

MICROENTERPRISE

Elida places cornbread in the hearth as her mother looks on.

Our support for microenterprise provides lasting blessings that transform lives like Elida's. Two microloans supported by our friends have enabled her to turn a small, home-based baking business into a thriving operation. Her cornbread is in such demand that she has 800 ears of corn delivered to her house on a rural dirt road each week — twice as many as before.

She gets up at 4 a.m. each day, shucks and boils the corn, mixes her ingredients and bakes the cornbread, which she sells in town at a small roadside stand. Her profits have enabled her to buy medicine for her father, who recently became sick, and build an outdoor porch so she and her parents can relax together and pray at a home altar.

Elida is among the 100 people blessed by the economic development program of the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima, which provides training and annual loans of $650. The loans are paid back over 10 months.

This financial support enabled Elida to buy additional ingredients and make more cornbread. "She is very popular," said Father Alejandro, who has an office near her stand in the city. "People love her cornbread."

AGRICULTURE

As she tends to the abundant crops now flourishing in her home garden, Wendy sees something new sprouting in her life — hope.

"Now, my boys have food to eat, and soon I will be able to send them to school," she said.

Our supporters are transforming this family's life through the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu's agriculture outreach. The diocesan ministry team supports 200 families in their agricultural and livestock businesses. Before receiving training and seeds to start her large garden, Wendy worked for meager pay as a hired hand on local farms, with her sister watching her sons while she was away. Affording food was a constant struggle.

Now, the family's future looks much brighter. Wendy can sell most of the crops from her flourishing field, which produces 300 pounds of black beans a year, plus abundant supplies of tomatoes, cucumbers, yuca and more. She is confident that her labor will help produce greater opportunities for her sons.

"I want my boys to be better than me. I want them to go to school and get ahead and not work in the field because it's a lot of work," she said.

Wendy's flourishing home garden enables her to properly feed her two young sons.

FOOD

Ariana's bright smile says it all — the nourishing food provided by our friends is keeping her and her brothers healthy, happy and full of hope.

Her family's life used to be much different. Sickness, sadness and despair were common before the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu initiated regular deliveries of nutritious meals to their remote village. Called Vitafood, these meal packs contain a rice or potato base; a protein (typically a bean variety); and key nutrients to energize, strengthen and improve the health of malnourished children and families.

Ariana thoroughly enjoys the Vitafood meals that keep her healthy.

"Thank God, my children really love this rice meal," said Ariana's mother, Olivia. "Sometimes, it's all we have."

The father, Euelio, earns just $13 a day laboring in local farm fields when he can find work, so affording food is difficult. With Vitafood, however, Ariana and her older brother are gaining weight and thriving at school. Her baby brother is flourishing too!

Our support will enable our ministry partners in Guatemala to distribute more than 5.1 million Vitafood meals in the coming year.

WATER & HEALTH

Alicia is grateful to have affordable health care in her village for the first time.

"This has been very helpful because we don't have money for a doctor," she said.

Not only were medical treatments too expensive — for a long time, they were also too far away. Through the Diocese of Suchitepéquez-Retalhuleu, health promoters are now located in nine villages and equipped with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Funds for this campaign will build a health clinic in Alicia's village, with expanded hours and services, including having a doctor on-site at least three days a month.

Deini checks Alicia's blood pressure during a follow-up visit for her health condition.

Thanks to the diocese's health outreach, Alicia was able to receive care for high uric acid levels. If not treated, high uric acid levels lead to heart disease, diabetes, gout and other ailments. Fortunately, she is feeling good after completing her treatment regimen.

Deini, the health promoter who treated Alicia, said she loves her volunteer position because it is rewarding to help others in her community. Through the generosity of our friends, the diocese provides ongoing training to the health promoters in all nine villages and equips them so they can treat common ailments and sudden sicknesses, as well as provide first aid.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH & DIOCESAN STRENGTHENING

Antonio feels called to bring God's love to his neighbors.

Attending a diocesan retreat changed the focus and direction of Antonio's life. Now, he tries to be a guiding light for his neighbors and friends.

This loving father attended a retreat with the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima only because his wife, Jocelyn, insisted. He's glad she did. He drew so close to the Lord that he quickly became a lay leader with the People's Holy Mission, which forms home-based faith-sharing groups. He also leads the larger community for holy hour celebrations at the local church every Thursday and on Sundays when there is no Mass. In addition, Antonio and others visit the sick in their community, leading them in prayer, offering a blessing and distributing the Eucharist.

Our support for the People's Holy Mission outreach draws thousands of people closer to the Lord and connects them to the Sacraments. Friends like you also provide operational support to strengthen our ministry partners overall, ensuring they have the teams and equipment needed to empower impoverished villages.

SECTION III

HELP NOW

Gifts from our friends will provide the protection that Tania's flimsy home cannot.

Financial Summary

Housing	
Home Construction Materials	$1,740,897
Latrine Construction Materials	$1,016,386
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$125,016
Community Training and Workshops	$48,821
Skilled Construction Labor	$1,002,424
Technical Consultants	$5,810
Transportation	$13,545
Office Supplies and Utilities	$13,505
Program Operations	$336,358
Education	
Teacher Salaries and Benefits	$305,897
Office Supplies and Utilities	$6,982
Training and Workshops	$16,563
Scholarships and Program Support	$122,367
Transportation	$5,821
Program Operations	$42,364
Water & Health	
Training and Workshops	$16,720
Medical Equipment, Supplies and Medicines	$441,883
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$12,165
Clinic Renovation	$32,400
Program Operations	$6,605
Microenterprise	
Microfinance	$24,000
Training and Workshops	$9,498
Office Supplies and Utilities	$1,281
Consultant Fees	$5,867
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$32,004
Transportation	$2,705
Maintenance Supplies and Operations of Training Facility	$1,600
Program Operations	$6,633
Food	
Office Supplies and Utilities	$1,680
Program Supplies	$11,696
Transportation	$2,200
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$12,424
Shipment of 5,171,040 Vitafood Meals	$342,076
Agriculture	
Training and Workshops	$29,676
Office Supplies and Utilities	$6,497
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$125,230
Transportation	$9,168
Fertilizers, Seeds and Agriculture Equipment	$159,182
Program Operations	$30,891
Orphans & Vulnerable Children	
Training and Workshops	$2,147
Office Supplies and Utilities	$13,001
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$74,828
Transportation	$408
Food and Educational Supplies	$60,102
Spiritual Outreach & Diocesan Strengthening	
Office Supplies and Utilities	$760
Spiritual Retreats	$22,758
Seminarian Scholarships	$28,050
Staff Salaries and Benefits	$8,453
Program Operations	$5,706
Cross Catholic Outreach Program Oversight, Reporting and Monitoring	$1,268,615
Total	**$7,611,667**

Catarina and her son Rony kneel on their dirt floor as they pray at their home altar.

Give Generously

Catarina needs only one word to describe what a sturdy new home would mean to her — "Happiness."

Her daily fear of suddenly being attacked by a snake or scorpion would be gone. The anxiety brought on by approaching storm clouds would vanish. Despite her hard work growing crops on rented land and raising chickens, Catarina can't afford a new home. She can't even afford to repair the one she has.

So, each day, she takes a break from her arduous farm work and kneels on the dirt floor in front of a home altar. Her son Rony, an altar server at the local parish, eagerly joins her in a prayer for protection.

Our loving Lord hears these fervent pleas and works through our devoted ministry partners to bring relief. Please allow him to work in your heart as well. Provide safe homes and hope today!

Total Amount Needed: $7,611,667

Suggested Gifts

$42,450 builds two homes for two families

$21,225 builds a home for a family

$10,612 helps build a home for a family

$5,306 helps build a home for a family

Or donate whatever amount the Lord places on your heart. It will be greatly appreciated!

2x IMPACT

We recently received a **$450,000 challenge** gift to inspire an outpouring of support for this project. Your gift, combined with this challenge gift, will have an even more **powerful impact!**

Cross Catholic OUTREACH

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

Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

How We Serve

Rather than create new institutions to distribute aid, we support existing ministries and churches already serving in developing countries. In addition to this being the most cost-effective way of helping our brothers and sisters in need, empowering these existing ministries also allows us to support the Church's spiritual mission and leadership role in poor communities.

Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.

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