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Dear Friends,

Last fall, Cross Catholic Outreach presented you with an urgent need to bring safe shelter to poor families living in the rural mountains of Guatemala. I'm pleased to report that the response from compassionate Catholics across the U.S. was overwhelming! Thanks to your generosity, all 188 poor families who were once living in dilapidated shacks now have safe, sturdy homes to call their own.

In my years of ministry, I've witnessed the transformative power of a new home in the lives of the poor. Safe shelter restores God-given dignity, brings security and peace of mind, and strengthens faith. The homes you provided are a tangible representation of God's mercy and love to families who once felt hopeless and forgotten.

In the midst of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, you built more than homes. You gave destitute families a firm foundation on which to build their lives! Each Mercy House stands as a testament to your faith and obedience to Jesus' command to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

With the generous gift of safe shelter, you have changed lives and been the answer to the poor's prayers for help. You joined Pope Francis' worldwide movement of extending mercy to the least, the last and the lost.

Thank you for extending mercy to the poor!

God bless you,

James J. Cavnar
President