



Zacapa, Guatemala Landfill Scholarship Outreach For 2023

Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School began a partnership with Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Zacapa, Guatemala in 2013. This partnership has resulted in many programs, jointly funded and enacted, to help provide needed services, supplies, education and most importantly, spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to those living in Zacapa.



Houses outside the Zacapa Landfill.

Our most ambitious partnership endeavor with Divine Savior is the Lights for Christ Program. In Zacapa, Guatemala, many families live on the outskirts of town, near the municipal landfill. The families have no personal means of transportation and make their living by having the entire family, including the children, sort through the trash at the landfill to find recyclable items that can be sold. These children typically do not have access to education. Holy Cross partnered with Divine Savior to provide these children with a Christ-centered education.

The Lights for Christ Program provides transportation to school, clothing, meals, medical services and tutoring for children living outside the Zacapa Landfill. Students that are able to do so, attend the Lutheran School. Others that are unable to attend the Lutheran School attend the local public school. Those that attend the public school are provided with religion class once a week, providing all the children in the program a Christ-centered education. It is our hope that this education will enable these children to rise from poverty, grow to support themselves and their families and bring the joyous message of Jesus Christ to their families and others.

The Lights for Christ Program started in 2015 with 10 children, all in the first grade at the Lutheran School. Many unexpected challenges were experienced. For example, learning to use the toilet and learning to use eating utensils for several of the children. The program has expanded such that we now support 26 students from grades 1-9.

As a result of our partnership, several of the children in the program have been baptized at Divine Savior Lutheran Church!



Students in class at the Lutheran School

Currently, an LWML grant covers the cost of middle school education for the Lights for Christ children. The LWML funding will be exhausted by 2025, at which time Holy Cross and Divine Savior will have to cover all costs for middle and high school.

In our partnership, Holy Cross provides approximately 70% of the cost of education and services for the children, and Divine Savior Lutheran Church contributes the remaining 30% of the costs. Average cost per student in our program next year is expected to be approximately \$2400. Holy Cross's funding equates to \$1,680/year or \$140/month per student.

How can you help?

For \$140 a month you can help a child from the Zacapa Landfill receive a Christian education. Children living in Guatemala, like children living in the United States, have hopes and dreams, but they simply lack the resources to make them come true. With your support we provide the support that renews their sense of possibility, encourages them to succeed, and most importantly, introduces them to Jesus Christ!



2022 6th Grade Graduate w/Mission Team



Our First Scholarship Class in 2015

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

I/we would like to be a scholarship partner
with a monthly contribution of:

___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$75 ___\$100 ___\$140 \$___Other
OR

with an annual contribution of:

___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$1680 \$___Other
OR

A one time gift of \$_____

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"Guatemala" in memo line.

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*For you were once darkness, but
now you are light in the Lord. Live
as children of light.*

Ephesians 5:8