Community Visit Report

Community Visited: Tierra Nueva II  
Staff Person Responsible: Carrie Stengel  
Date of Report: February 3, 2020  
Date of Visits: February 2, 2020  
Cost of Visits: $20-25

Next visit: March

I. Community Members Present

Albertina, Marleny, Mary, Johana, Eluvia, Ariel Evelio, Pedro

II. Meeting Notes

Welcome to the new Sister Parish board in TN2 – Johana, Marleny, Albertina, Eluvia, Ariel Evelio and Pedro. I met with them on Sunday. We started by talking about preferred forms of communication.

We are finalizing the financial reports and proposals/financial requests for the women’s group and the scholarship project, and double checking the bank records.

TN2 will start the process of looking for homestay families for the delegation while waiting for the confirmed dates and number of delegates from SJA. August dates work for TN2.

TN2 will look for more prayer partners.

Crafts – Miriam, Pedro, Ariel Evelio, Johanna, Eluvia, Mary, Albertina, Marleny, and maybe Paul will be on the craft committee this year in TN2. They will move forward with the smaller order SJA sent for this year. We talked about how this is a year to build our trust again and then we will decide about future craft orders in the future. They will send the budget for SJA’s March meeting.

The scholarship program guidelines have been updated. Students will now need a 75 (out of 100) or above in every class in order to receive the scholarship and stay in the program. The new committee will restrict scholarship to those who participate in the
church and in all scholarship activities. This had been the case, but prior committees had allowed exceptions in cases of great need or other commitments.

I shared the January SJA meeting notes with TN2. They appreciated receiving the personal and community news. They want to find a way to watch Finding Oscar (I might be able to help facilitate that somehow). The note about the cultural appropriation conversation led to a very interesting conversation about identity and racism in TN2.

III. Tierra Nueva II and Sister Parish News

Sister Parish, Inc. is hiring for our United States Regional Coordinator (administrative and communications position) and our Guatemala Regional Coordinator (program position facilitating relationships in Guatemala starting in April or May). We are incredibly grateful to both David Ericson and Brian Tyler for their work with us in the past 7-8 years.

In February all of the boards in the church will turn over, as the newly elected leaders take the reins. There is a church board, but also each group and each small Christian community (ecclesiastical base community) has a board.

Prayer requests

Please continue praying for Alba, Marleny, and Maximina and their entire family.

Please pray for Paty and her family – Paty’s mother is very ill and Paty is travelling out to San Marcos to be with her. Paty’s niece also just had an operation and is in recovery.

Please pray for Maria (delegate to SJA in 2015) who fell and broke her toe. She seemed in good spirits but I know would appreciate the prayers.

I ran into a lot of people after mass – Maria (delegate in 2015), Leonel and his family, Juan and Blanca and their girls, Alba and Maximina, Enio, Brandon, and many more sent their greetings to you all.

IV. Necessary Follow-Up by SP Staff, Northern or Southern Community

- **TN2**: Follow-up on crafts agreements. Prepare final 2018 project reports (crafts) and 2019 reports. Send project proposals for 2020. Find 1 more pen pal 9-10 years old and potentially more youth as well. Find prayer partners for Anna V and Karen O. Follow-up on crafts project agreements. Propose use for outreach funds.
- **SJA**: Send info about dates and number of delegates, when available. Follow-up on reports and proposals received.
- **Staff:** Follow-up on crafts and projects. Give TN2 more copies of prayer partners and pen pals list. Give TN2 more copies of Daniluz’s speech, Sarah’s presentation and Miriam/Alba’s presentation. Follow-up on delegation.

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