

*This year we embark on a whole new era for our mission to Honduras - Union de Amor!
We will continue to work with the City of Lepaera and WorldVision Honduras
but have a new project partner. The Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed
Sacrament have started staffing the Kindergarten built a few years ago.
They currently have 23 students and more are coming each day.
The community continues to be filled with energy and excitement.*



*The Sisters will also staff the workshop we will build this year that will house
the sewing cooperative. There will also be a kitchen facility in the workshop so the community can make food items
for resale and living accommodations the Sisters can use when they stay in the community while serving there.*

- **2010:** Dr. Rene & Marisol Aragon adopt Consolación; invite Diana Sanchez to accompany them.
- **2016:** St. Pius parishioners, Luisa Becker & family, visit and then invite St. Pius X to accompany our Honduran partners on their walk with Consolación.
- **2017-18:** Money raised at St. Pius X to build Kindergarten
- **July 3rd 2018:** On the Feast of St. Thomas, Father Luis Gonzalez celebrates first Mass in Consolación, team celebrates with community and checks on progress of construction of kindergarten, delivers school supplies, dental and first aid kits and some clothing. Team meets with Bishop Darwin confirming support of mission.
- **2018:** After July visit, St. Pius sends LCD projector & laptop requested by teachers. The US & Honduran team purchases a truck for Diana to use as she continues leading the effort.
- **2018-19:**
 - “Dia de Los Niños” celebrated in Consolación; Christmas food and gifts delivered (82 families)
 - Cleft-palate surgery for three children of the village
 - Completed kindergarten, first class graduates; Dr. Rene installs playground equipment
 - Chapel remodel funded and started in Spring 2019
- **July 2019**
 - Returned to Consolación with school & other supplies; personal water bottles
 - Reviewed chapel renovation; processed into the village with statue of St. Thomas and installed both the statue and new Tabernacle in the chapel. St. Thomas in CDA joins in mission.
 - Celebrated sacraments in Consolación (20 Baptisms, 21 First Communions)
- **2019-2020**
 - Coffee producers wrote and signed a cooperative agreement
 - Union de Amor helped plant 100,000 seedlings to replenish coffee damaged by drought and blight
 - Designed water system with World Vision (locating water source, securing rights of way, establishing water district, etc.) and the City of Lepaera
 - Two months of food provided for 150 families in and around Consolación (COVID relief)
 - Emergency support given to communities hit hardest by the November 2020 hurricanes.
- **2020-2022**
 - Completed community water project
 - Sent 25 sewing machines, fabric and supplies to Consolación to begin a sewing cooperative
 - Send 15 computers to a hearing-impaired school
 - Continued to provided food and medical support during COVID
 - Built homes for families in the Baracoa region of Honduras and helped refurbish a parish in that area after hurricanes
- **2023**
 - Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament commit to Consolación to staff the Kindergarten and the sewing cooperative.
 - Planning continued on sewing cooperative. Next project is to build a workshop facility to house the cooperative, a commercial kitchen and accommodations for the Sisters.

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