



Family-to-Family
505 W. St. Thomas More Way
Spokane, WA 99208

FAMILY TO FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Second Quarter - 2020

SPONSORS TRAVEL TO GUATEMALA TO VISIT FAMILIES AND PROJECTS



Judy Schultz and family

granddaughter, Emily, walked a great distance just to meet me. I feel so blessed to have been able to greet and hug them in person. I gave Emily a pink knit cap, made by a Fatima parishioner, and she loved it!" Judy's family has been enrolled in FTF for two years and have started construction of a new home which should be completed next year.

Spokane residents, Judy Schultz and Sue Smith, traveled to Guatemala in early March for the purpose of visiting a new educational project in Antigua Ixtahuacan. The project, funded by the Fatima Parish Guatemala committee, involves teaching English to primary school students so that they could expand their language skills at an early age and potentially land good paying jobs later as young adults. Judy and Sue also made plans with Adela Tambriz, FTF Program Manager, to meet their Guatemalan families in Xe'ul, a skills training site. Judy stated that "Catarina, her daughter Pascuala and her adorable seven year old



Emily Gonzales models handmade cap



Sue Smith and family

Sue also expressed her delight in meeting the young family that she sponsors. Vicente Rosario Och and his wife Maria took a bus and walked over 2 hours from the community of Chiquisis with 18 month old, Manual Alex (carried on Maria's back) to thank her for her support. Sue said that they were very shy, but opened up when talking about the new concrete block home that is near completion. Sue stated, "This was my first trip to Guatemala and it was quite an eye opener! We are so blessed to have everything we have in the U.S. and I feel lucky to participate (as a sponsor) in Family to Family."

FOOT POWERED SEWING MACHINES NEEDED FOR FAMILIES

Electricity is an amenity that is scarce in the Guatemalan highlands. This is especially true for families living in the most remote communities that have no public services. All the women and men who participate in sewing courses offered in one of the training centers learn on foot powered treadle style sewing machines. Once a sewing student masters the basics of measuring, cutting and stitching a pattern for a particular project such as "traje" or traditional Mayan clothing, they can potentially earn an income selling handmade garments made at home in the local marketplace or use their skills to sew for others in surrounding communities. A typical treadle sewing machine costs \$400 in Guatemala, which is out of reach for most families. Luckily, there have been many generous donations in the past to help supplement the cost of these machines. If you would like to help fund a new sewing machine for a Guatemala family, please mail your donation to: **Family to Family, 505 W. St. Thomas More Way, Spokane, WA 99208.**



2019 Family To Family Program Report	2018	2019
Program Accomplishments		
# of families who completed FTF program	43	27
# of families who received construction materials for a house	90	90
# of stoves(with chimneys) constructed	12	23
# of latrines and temascals (sweat baths) constructed	2	21
# of families who received beds/furniture	25	5
# of piletas (sinks) purchased and delivered	16	3
# of families provided fruit/evergreen trees for planting on property	38	46
Education/Training		
# of families who participated in nutrition, sanitation and health classes	108	120
# of families who participated in forest management/environmental classes	108	60
# families who participated in poultry/egg production	10	12
# families who participated in livestock, pigs, sheep, honey bee production	15	16
# families who participated in agriculture i.e. corn, maxan	20	20
# families who participated in fruit tree/avocado/production	56	11
# families who participated in coffee production	34	5
# families who participated in baking/cooking classes	10	10
# families who participated in weaving classes	85	60
# families who participated in machine sewing/tailoring classes	16	34
# families who participated in hand and machine embroidery classes	10	70
# families who participated in electrical wiring classes	8	0
#families who participated in basket making classes	11	10