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FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

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Advanced Sewing Course

In coordination with INTECAP, Family-to-Family offered an eight-month advanced sewing course in New Ixtahuacan. This challenging course included local business requirements, technical skills such as hems,



buttons, zippers, darts and pleats, the creation of blouses, skirts, dresses, jackets and pants, and self-employment skills. Twelve students successfully persevered through the entire training and passed the final practical exam, sewing a dress like the one shown in the photo on the left.

Upon graduating from this course, Aura, an FTF program participant who also completed the cooking course, dedicated one room of her new home to her own tailoring business. In Aura's



words, "I am delighted to be able to work...people come to me requesting collars, skirts, aprons, beaded adornments...I thank you for this opportunity and I pray that God gives you (FTF) the life ahead to continue, so that more families benefit."

New Laboratory Opening

For many years, Family-to-Family contributed financially to medical programs in Guatemala. In 2020, the FTF Board made a decision to focus on its founding mission of supporting economic development projects, housing, and skills training and to direct remaining healthcare funds to existing clinics in the areas we serve. Since then, under the direction of Dr. Jose Miguel Vasquez, these funds have been used for COVID-19 supplies, staff salaries, clinic repairs and improvements, and to construct a laboratory at the Novillero clinic. The laboratory equipment was provided through a separate donation from Jerry and Clara Monks. The formal opening and blessing of the diagnostic laboratory was celebrated on February 8, 2023. Lab technician Neftalí Pablo is pictured in the new laboratory below.



2022 Annual Report

Opportunity is at the heart of Family-to-Family's work. Despite the challenges of local violence, rugged terrain, severe weather, and extreme poverty, Regional Manager Adela Tambriz shows extraordinary determination and dedication as she leads our efforts to extend opportunity to those most in need. The table below summarizes many of the accomplishments of the program and the generosity of the donors in 2022. We thank you, our supporters, for sharing from your own opportunity with our partners in Guatemala, amplifying the opportunity for adequate income and safe housing and recognizing that we all deserve to live with dignity.



Thanks to a generous donation for housing construction in 2022, we have begun a new collaboration with INTECAP; project details will be included in the next newsletter.

Due to the pandemic, some families' program departure dates continue to be delayed, allowing for completion of skills training and FTF benefits.

About Family-to-Family:

Family-to-Family was founded in 1985 as an economic development program in the Guatemalan Highlands. Its primary mission is to provide income-producing skills training and resources to families and communities working to rise from poverty and become self-sufficient. For further information about the Family-to-Family program, please visit our website www.familytofamilyguatemala.com. You may also contact us by email at ftfguatemala@gmail.com or by phone at (509) 593-8204. This newsletter was written by local director Julianne Connell Sachs.

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