

Our Lenten Connection

St. Luke & La Libertad

Santa Ana Mission, La Libertad, Honduras



Each Lent for nearly 25 years, our parish family has opened its heart and extended a hand to our brothers and sisters in La Libertad, Honduras.

Every week during Lent, we'll share more about La Libertad and Santa Ana Mission in the bulletin and in the hall display.

Today, we ask you to:

Open Your Hearts and Hands *Give Hope*

Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love.

—*Mother Teresa*

*Please take home a change box,
fill it if you can, and empty it
into the collection container in the hall
each time it's filled!*

Thank you!

Your donations will be collected and sent to the Sisters after Easter.

All donations are greatly appreciated. If you prefer to write a check,
please make it out to **School Sisters of St. Francis** and drop it in the donation container.



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This a translation of the letter we received from the Sisters.

Dear Friends of our sister parish of St. Luke,

With great joy I greet you to thank you for the valuable assistance for the children, youth, and elderly people, they are all grateful for your generosity providing them with food and medicine.

The rain makes it difficult for the children and young people to travel. Some of them leave to school on an empty stomach. When they get to our house (the mission) we give them food before they go back home. One of the needs the children have is to have enough food. Some are malnourished, those who travel from the villages to study often do not have enough for food.

One of the girls has a tumor in her hip area. She has been in treatment, but she needs surgery. The surgery is very expensive even in a public hospital. As time goes by her condition grows.

The special needs for this year:	3 shelves to place the medication	\$ 400.00
.....	2 desk chairs.	\$ 200.00
.....	<u>*Support for 15 students</u>	<u>\$4883.00</u>
.....	TOTAL BUDGET	\$5483.00

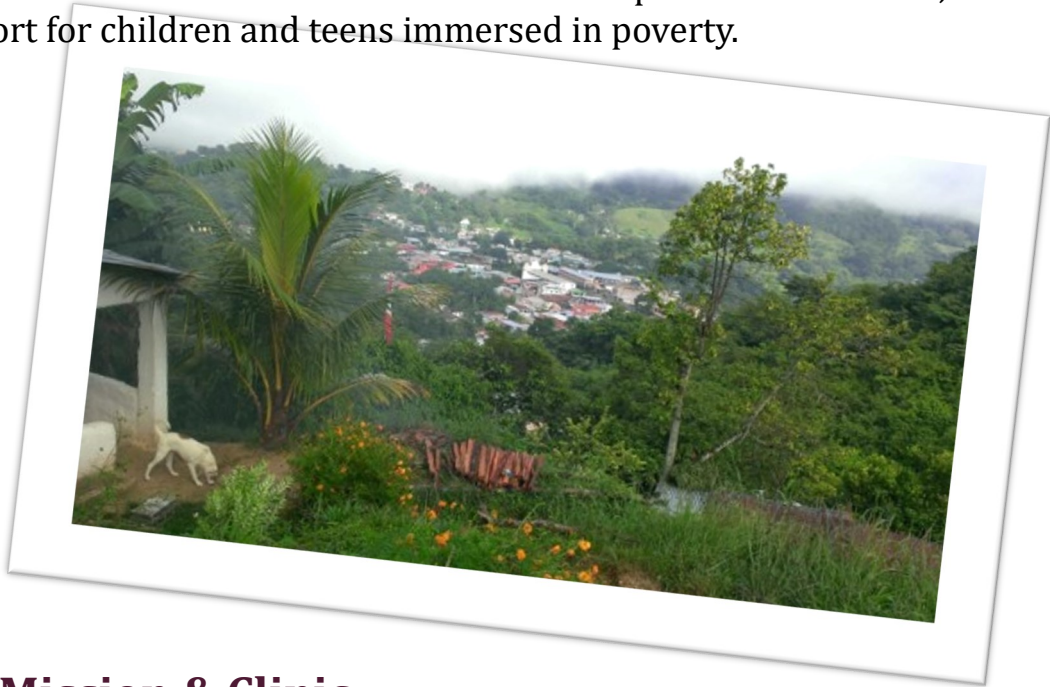
**This critical support for students averages \$32.00 a month. One of the students is a seminarian that St. Luke has supported for a number of years.*

With Gratitude, The Sisters of la Libertad: Sor Crucita, Enelly y Prisca.

Please see the La Libertad display in the hall & take a coin box.

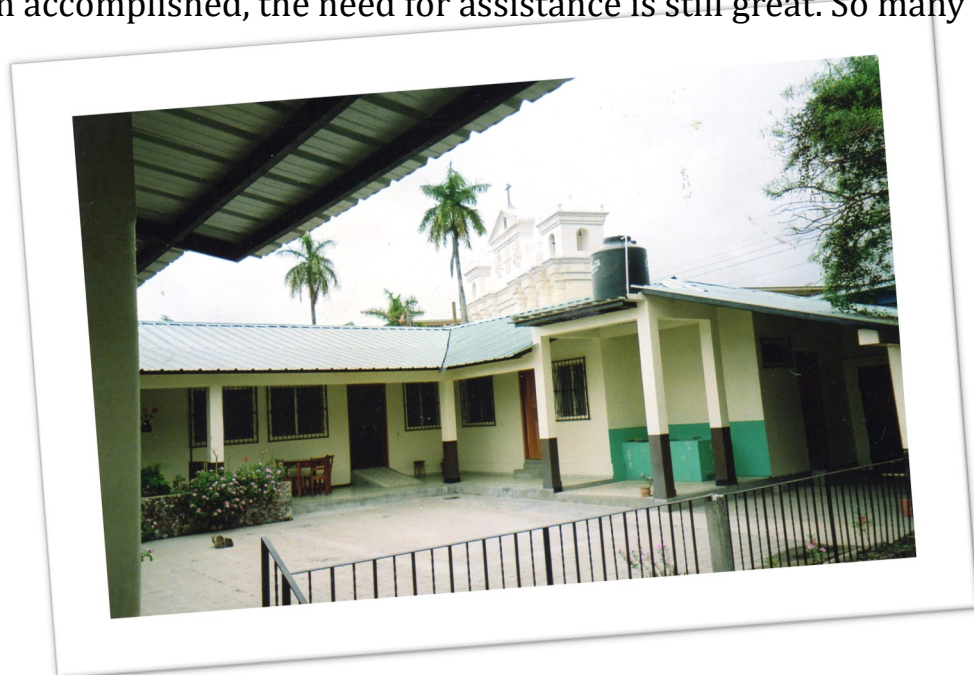
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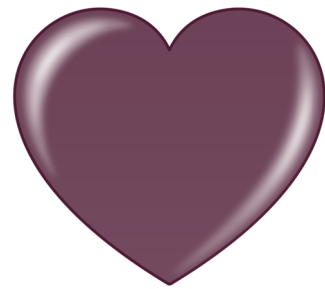
La Libertad is a rural community of about 25,000 in Central America. Many families live on \$2.50 a day or less. Often children do not attend school because they must work to provide the basic needs for their families. The Mission provides education, housing and spiritual support for children and teens immersed in poverty.



Santa Ana Mission & Clinic

The Santa Ana Mission & Clinic opened in 1962 as the primary medical resource for the residents. St. Luke CCW and the entire parish have supported the Sisters' work since 1999. Through the years our fund-raising efforts have provided medical supplies, medical equipment, health educator training, a computer, clean water, services for special needs children and scholarships for children and teens. These donations have totaled more than \$68,250 and have a meaningful impact on the lives they have touched. Though much has been accomplished, the need for assistance is still great. So many have so little.





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A photograph of two hands, palms up, holding a glowing heart. The heart is bright yellow and orange, with a purple heart icon overlaid on it. The background is a sunset over water, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The hands are positioned as if they are gently cradling the heart.

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Wendy Carolina, Nurses Aide

On her graduation in 2021

Wendy Carolina Sanchez, Nurses Aide

2023

Miriam Rebeca Manzanares

Business Executive

Loan Department (BANHCAFE), Financial institution

Miriam Rebeca Manzanares on her gradation

2021

Achievements

**You helped these
young people!**

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*On behalf of the Sisters and those they serve, **Thank You!***