

## **Mission Dinner Community**

The Mission Dinner Community gathers one Sunday a month to fellowship, enjoy a great meal and raise funds for global poverty and justice-related causes. Come and enjoy our pot-luck gathering, and get interested in what God is doing in Mexicali! Everyone is welcome! Our next meeting will be a Filipino Lunch on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30 am** in Norton Hall.

One of our main missions is to support the Dominican Missionaries and Father Miguel Rolland, O.P., and his parish **Santa María de Guadalupe**. Current fundraising goals for Mexicali include:

1. Acquiring a **temporary solution to lack of climate controlled classrooms** at the main pastoral center for catechism and other community-related purposes such as AA, Al-Anon, Homework Club, and community organizing.



## 2. Funding Coordinator Position for Homework Club.

Goal is to raise \$1200 to cover two semester's worth of salary for one special pastoral minister to oversee the "Homework club/after-school study program" located in our classrooms in *Valle de Álamo colonia*, pictured below:



This program takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The Coordinator position is not a "church worker" per se, but is a member of the community of faith. The program is designed for any child, from 1st grade through high school, who wants to improve in reading, writing, thinking, math, and perhaps some basic English or Computer skills. The program provides great value to the surrounding community in narrowing the educational gap caused by the fact that the government provides only part-time schooling.

The Coordinator would receive, roughly, a stipend of **\$75 dollars per week (approximately 1600 pesos)**. This person would open and close the program, oversee the registrations (membership in the "Club"), run the schedule, and above all coordinate volunteers young and old to tutor the kids from the local grade schools nearby.

Father Miguel used to do this with the help of a volunteer, a retired woman. She was very good, but her health has diminished, and for the sake of consistency, he is looking to hire a person. The person Fr. Miguel has in mind would bring his entire family into play as they are educators.

3. **Building enclosure for climate control at Capilla San Juan Diego (folding door with windows for optional climate control), slideable windows, security. Maybe even a simple bell tower.** The estimate is a \$2500.00 donation would provide much for an initial effort (labor, basic materials), plus another \$500.00 for an evaporative cooler. Mary Magdalen funds have already helped us to put on a new weatherproof roof in 2016.

