## Honduras Manos Ministry: news & updates

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## **Upcoming Events**

In October 2021, we will be starting our STEM program called Brillantes, developed by Texas State



University for our Manos scholarship students in grades 7th, 8th & 9th. Stay tuned...









Club Intercambio (ESL Program) is Back in Session!

In August of 2021, we re-launched the Club Intercambio that we had put on hold since March 2020 due to the pandemic. We are very excited that we were able to bring the ESL students back to the classroom following all the Covid protocols to keep everyone safe. We have also been working in the classroom facility. We added new customized individual chair/desks for our students for their comfort and social distance safety.

Thanks to the Miles of Pennies grant that we received from the Church Periodical Club, we were able to purchase a new ESL curriculum for the Club Intercambio. Specifically, we got enough text books and workbooks for 30 students and two instructors. We currently have two classes: Beginner and Intermediate. We have two teachers co-leading the course: Jorge Arias who has a degree in ESL/ Bilingual education, and Dinora Carcamo, who has a master's in education and a diploma in ESL/Bilingual education.



We are hoping that we will be able to solidify an alliance with the Department of Bilingual Education at UTSA in the upcoming months. John Panther has been instrumental in starting conversations with some professors looking for opportunities to work together and benefit the students at UTSA, as well as our Intercambio students.

Helping Hands in Action: Responding to the critical financial situation of the Families of our Manos Scholarship Program Students



The financial situation in Honduras has been critical for a long time and has worsened due to the pandemic. In addition, in November of 2020, Hurricane ETA hit Honduras, and not long after that Honduras was devastated by Hurricane IOTA.

For the past year, we have been able to distribute food to many families in desperate need living in Danli and remote communities such as Valle de Jamastrán, Santa Maria, Jutiapa, Chichimoral and Poteca that are part of the Deanery of El Paraiso overseen by Rev. Victor Velazquez who is the rector of Manos de Dios Episcopal Church.



Last week, we stayed closer to home in Danli and were able to help 50 families that have a child in our Manos Scholarship Program. Each basket contained beans, rice, sugar, coffee, butter, salt, pasta, flour, tomato sauce, toilet paper and soap.

We would like to thank for the generosity of many people that have been making donations for food distributions during the pandemic.





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