

Report of the Companion Relationship Committee

Compañeros en Cristo

This has been a very quiet year for the companion relationship. Many congregations have been doing independent mission works and the last trip made by a diocesan group to Honduras was made in 2005.

Nevertheless, The chairman of this committee, Tim Skimina, and the Rev'd Marcus Cunningham, represented the Diocese at the annual GEM (Global Episcopal Mission) conference in June.

There are plans being devised now to take another group to Honduras in early 2007 if possible. If your parish would like to be involved, please contact Tim Skimina [tskimina@northwestern.edu] or Fr John Schamm [stthomas@kconline.com].

The Diocese recently had a visit from Dcn Barbara Boghetich, SAMS missionary in Delicias del Norte, just north of San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Barbara has worked in Siguatepeque with Fr Hector Madrid, in the past, and now is working with the bilingual schools as well. If there are parishes that would like to partner with her or which have persons who would like to spend a year teaching in the bilingual schools (English only), please contact Fr John Schamm at St Thomas', Plymouth, and he will forward your information to Dcn Barbara.

The project we worked on last year, Los Amiguitos de Jesús, the day care center in Villanueva, is now built, but waiting for personnel to be hired to operate it. The next phase of this project is the orphanage, whose construction has not yet been started. We are also awaiting information regarding projects in the village where Dcn Barbara is in charge of the parish of San Lucas.