

2007 Annual report of Companeros en Cristo  
- companion relationship committee

Membership:

St. Barbabas-in-the-Dunes / diocese at large  
Fr. Chuck Hensel

St. John the Evangelist, Elkhart  
Heather Cash

St. Thomas, Plymouth  
Fr. John Schramm  
Liz Carey  
Juliet Morgan  
John Wraight

St. Timothy, Griffith  
Timothy Skimina  
John Rincon

Since the last diocesan convention, we meet at St. Thomas to investigate working with other parishes involved in mission work. Michelle Walker from St. Andrews-by-the-Lake, Michigan City spoke about Back2Back and the work being done at St. Andrews. We agreed that we should keep in touch and look for ways to help each other.

Fr. Schramm and Tim Skimina attended the Global Episcopal Mission Network Institute at the Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. They met with Bishop Allen from the Diocese of Honduras several times during the conference to discuss opportunities for mission. They also discussed ways to bring the gift of growth to the Diocese of Northern Indiana. Tim started the two-year certificate program in global missions.

In late September, Fr. Schramm will be following up with a suggestion by Bishop Allen and will visit families in Juticalpa, Honduras. This is the home of several of the parishioners at St. Thomas. The hopes are that we can help plant a new church in the region. Fr. Schramm will be traveling with Barbara Boghetich – a SAMS missionary – distributing Bibles to the families in the Juticalpa area.

Finances:

Income

2006 Balance	\$14,625.60
2007 Diocesan Contribution	\$ 7,500.00

Total Income 2007	\$22,125.60
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Disbursements

GEM dues and	\$ 1,904.67
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Institute expenses

September 2007 purchase	\$ 600.00*
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Spanish Bibles and in  
country travel expenses

Total Expenses	\$ 2,504.67
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2007 Anticipated Balance	\$19,620.93
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\*Maximum Anticipated

Expenses for September / October

2007 mission / outreach trip

We recommend that we renew the very fruitful companion diocese agreement with the Diocese of Honduras. We have both benefited from the exchange of ideas and anticipate even greater opportunities for growth going forward. There may be an opportunity for an exchange of visitors with the hopes of learning how the Diocese of Honduras continues to grow at a fantastic rate. We should continue supporting the new daycare center - "Los Amiguitos de Jesus" in Villanueva. We have already started to investigate new mission directions and anticipate learning about more in the upcoming year.

We wish to encourage anyone with a heart for mission to join the committee – all are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Skimina