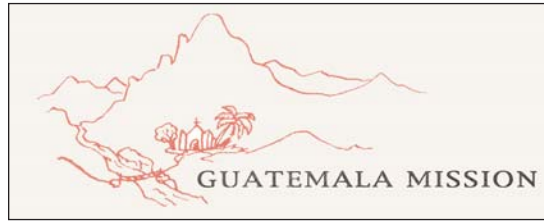


## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

- Sponsor a student's education at La Asunción School for \$30 a month
- Donate to the Angel Fund for those who cannot pay for their medical treatment
- Give to the Food Assistance program
- Donate to the Microfinance program



## TO DONATE:

Make a Secure Online Gift at  
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# GUATEMALA MISSION

at Santo Tomas la Union



*"Our Mission at Santo Tomas la Union, with its many outposts in the mountains of northwestern Guatemala, is a living reflection of the vision of the Second Vatican Council." –Bishop George Leo Thomas*

**Founded by the Diocese of Helena  
1964**

## THE MISSION



The Guatemala Mission, founded in 1964, is located 100 miles northwest of Guatemala City and serves nearly 40 communities through:

- Celebration of the Catholic Sacraments
- Parish ministry of Santo Tomas
- La Asunción School
- Clinica Maxeña
- Angel Fund
- Widows' Weaving project
- Microfinance project
- Food Assistance program



## LA ASUNCIÓN SCHOOL

La Asunción provides a much-needed education to approximately 600 students, grades 7-12. It is located in the town of XeJuyup, 4.5 km away from the Guatemala Mission center in Santo Tomas la Union.

Father Hazelton has been the school's Director since its inception in 1996. He regularly travels to XeJuyup in order to celebrate Holy Mass. Chapel services for the boarding students are held several times weekly, with at least one evening devoted to praying the Holy Rosary.

Several nuns of the Guatemalan Misioneras de la Eucaristía order live and study at the school, and lead the girls in their religious formation. The sisters maintain an altar and tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament for individual adoration. Emphasis is placed on celebrating the native Mayan culture. The native language spoken is K'iche.



The Diocesan Student Sponsorship Program gives bright, hardworking indigenous students an opportunity for personal development that would otherwise be unattainable. Asunción was created with the hope of giving the area's youth a greater future, providing an education which supports a lifelong commitment to both personal and community development.

## CLINICA MAXEÑA

Clinica Maxeña, established by the Diocese of Helena in 1966, provides medical, dental and prenatal care to the local Guatemalan people.



The clinic is responsible for treating some 15,000 to 20,000 cases a year. Treatments and facilities include:

- An excellent laboratory
- Ophthalmologic consultations and surgeries
- A pharmacy
- Native Medicinal Plants project
- Preventative Medicine projects
- Medical consultations
- Dental office
- Prenatal clinics