

Llevando el Evangelio a través del Pan y la Tortilla

Bringing the Gospel by Bread & Tortilla

Sharing Together Moments of Faith, Friendship and Gratitude

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Rubi writes: Good afternoon dear brothers in Chicago, I hope you are all doing well. I'm writing to send you the photos of this month's food distribution. Yesterday, Saturday, July 11, and today, Sunday, July 12, we delivered a total of 42 food baskets, with 3 people not receiving one because they didn't come due to personal reasons. Here I'm also attaching a photo of our Eucharistic celebration on Sunday July 12. I hope everything is going well in Chicago. I send you greetings and blessings, with love, your servant Rubi.

Food Pantry recipients July 11th & 12th







**July 11th
& 12th
Food Pantry**

Sunday service July 12th



More on the newly established library at San Benito and how you can help it grow

I asked the community lay-leader, Christian Beriva, if there were particular books that will help the library 'take off.' Remember that Chiapas is among those areas of the world that linguists sometimes label as 'pre-literate.' Reading is taught in schools but Spanish is a second language to many adults. The idea of written and printed portable words is still catching on and reading for pleasure is a new thing.



What is most needed? **There is now only one Bible in the church!**

Christian writes that he would like to have ten Bibles, with large print, for the Library. The cost, per Bible, will depend upon the type of Bible Christian orders, but let's

begin with an appeal for (only) \$25.00 each. Any leftover contributions will be used for books with kids' Bible stories. Send to the St. Chrysostome's Chiapas book fund, <https://onrealm.org/SaintC/give/ChiapasBooks> That fund will reimburse Christian for any book purchases he makes.



Next, he would like books for educational support, like texts for folks who are learning to read. These can be in Spanish or English and all subjects – math, biology as well as by the classic authors, like Dostoevsky, Exupéry (The Little Prince), Isabel Allende, Hemingway, Mark Twain, Edgar Allan Poe, Jack London, J. Lindo, Cervantes (Don Quixote), and The Odyssey, among others. The classics, and teaching texts, may be available at little or no cost through the government, and this is being looked into.

Christian writes: “I spoke with three young people who have used the library - Rubi, Karla, and her brother - and they told me that they are looking forward to continue using the library books. Rubi, for example, told me she recently read a book by Chekhov.”

“I look forward to your comments about how brothers in Chicago can help us enlarge the library. Can we start a reading club between Chicago and our San Benito congregation?”

“We hope, in the Lord, to continue to grow this library so that parishioners and our neighbors will have access to a new community resource. The idea is to encourage a culture of reading and for people to feel that they growing.”

Newsletter readers who would like to help Christian grow the library can also get in touch with him directly
(chbrieva @gmail.com).



Food Pantry Recipients July 25 & 26

Rubi reports: Good evening dear brothers from Chicago, I hope you are doing well. The food we distributed on: Saturday, July 25 and today, Sunday, July 26, delivered a total of 44 food packages, only missing 1 person. Also, I am sending a photo of our Eucharistic celebration today. Progress of our crochet group is on display on page 1.



For five years the Food Pantry at San Benito has offered staples (beans, rice, oil, sugar and pasta) twice monthly to 45 families in the church neighborhood facing food insecurity. About half the recipients are members of the church and about 20% of the recipients cycle off each year and others cycle on. The



project is funded by three Chicago churches (St. Chrysostome's, Holy Comforter, and Atonement).

The San Benito congregation Sunday morning July 26th



Food Pantry recipients July 25th & 26th





Food Pantry Recipients July 25th

