

January 12, 2021

Dear Pastor Dave and friends,

Thank you so much for your cheque for \$3,495: a wonderful amount in these times of Pandemic.

Your sponsored students Joselin and Oliver finished junior high school in December - a big achievement for Mayans from poor families. Thank you so much for having made this possible. The authorities forbade any graduation ceremonies, so I don't have any graduation photos to send you - sorry.

Unfortunately, they with their families have decided not to continue on to high school.

With the money you sent and money carried forward, if you are in agreement, you will be sponsoring four new students this year:- Mildred, Yeimi, Jose and Josue.

Mildred Azucena Cuy was thirteen on August 23rd. She is the seventh of eight children in her family. She has five older sisters, an older brother, and a younger sister. Her father left the family, and her mother has a small shop inside their house, and weaves to help make ends meet. They live in the Santiaguito barrio of San Lucas.

Mildred helps her family with the domestic chores, helping clean the house, do dishes, run errands and so on. She did well in grade school, and on Wednesday will start her studies in the Pavarotti junior high school, here in San Lucas.

Yeimi Paola Tereta was fourteen on July 25. She is the ninth of ten children in her family. She has four older brothers and four older sisters, and a younger brother. Her father is a day laborer. Her mother works as a housewife, and also weaves to help support the family. They also live in the Santiaguito barrio, here in San Lucas.

In her spare time, Yeimi helps her mother with the chores, washing clothes, doing dishes and helping clean the house. She did very well in grade school and was one of the top students in her class. She will be starting seventh grade in the IMED school in San Lucas.

Jose Samuel Mucia was twelve on May 6. He is the youngest of three children in his family, all boys. His father does occasional jobs as a carpenter, and his mother works as a housewife. The family live in the Saint Thomas area of San Lucas.

In his spare time, Jose is learning carpentry skills from his father. He also goes to the hills with his brothers, to cut and collect firewood, and tend the crops: fertilizing, sowing, weeding and harvesting. In sixth grade he did well, and on Wednesday will be starting classes in the IMED junior high school, here in San Lucas.

Josue Arnaldo Chumil was fourteen on July 30. He is the youngest of four children in his family. He has an older sister and two older brothers. His father works as a day laborer. His

mother left the family and has another family. They live in the Santiaguito barrio here in San Lucas.

Josue helps his family going with his brothers to the hills, to cut and collect firewood, and attend to the crops. He also earns a little money for the family working in a local garden. He did quite well in sixth grade, and has just started seventh grade in the junior high school in Pachojilaj, here in San Lucas.

Information on their new schools is on my website:

Mildred <http://sltscholars.org/cscep.html>

Yeimi and Jose <http://sltscholars.org/csimed.html>

Josue <http://sltscholars.org/cspachojilaj.html>

The church are now sponsoring fourteen students, including eight in high school: one learning to be a PE teacher, one learning to be a mechanic, some learning to be infant school teachers or office clerks. Thank you so, so much!

All best wishes,

Dennis



Josue Arnoldo



Jose Samuel



Yeimi Paola



Mildred Azucena