

2019

Annual Report



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Message from President & Co-Founder

Dear Family of Amigos de Jesús (friends, benefactors, staff and especially children),

This is the first formal “annual report” we have put together in 22 years. We have always been very conscientious of balancing donor’s wishes with the needs of the children, and always have had a professional annual audit of our revenue and expenses. But two sensitivities have prevented us from formally publishing what most annual reports contain:

1. Our Mission Statement centers on reflecting the attitude of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2.5) to both our children and benefactors. So while we personally thank each donor, we have refrained from publicizing names (something that most annual reports do) following Christ’s command to “not let your left hand know what your right is doing” (Mt 6.3) – your gift is between you and God.
2. Honduras is a dangerous country (the largest city closest to us, San Pedro Sula, once known as the “murder capital of the world”), and our foremost concern is for the safety of the children and the staff at Amigos de Jesús. By publishing a report detailing our revenue and expenses we could be inviting danger by having someone in Honduras think our Hogar/Home would be an easy target.

Having said all of this, I hope you know that whether you are a benefactor for 22 years or one year, Amigos de Jesús would not exist without you, and our children know this. As I have said often, “their lips are close to God’s ear”, so whether your name is specifically mentioned or heartfully mentioned each night as the children gather to pray – your name comes from their lips to God’s ear.

Anyone who wishes to receive the 2019 annual report in order to see how we steward your generosity can contact the Amigos de Jesús office and we will send you the report – just do not send it to your cousin in San Pedro 😊!

With great gratitude, you are in the prayers of the children, staff and mine,

(Fr.) Dennis O’Donnell (co-founder)



"Follow the Cross and you will find Hope."



Mission

The Amigos de Jesús family is a sanctuary of hope, healing and transformation in service to vulnerable children.

Our “Hogar” in Honduras consists of houses for children, our bilingual school, infirmary, chapel, housing for staff & volunteers, a working farm, and workshops for metal and wood.

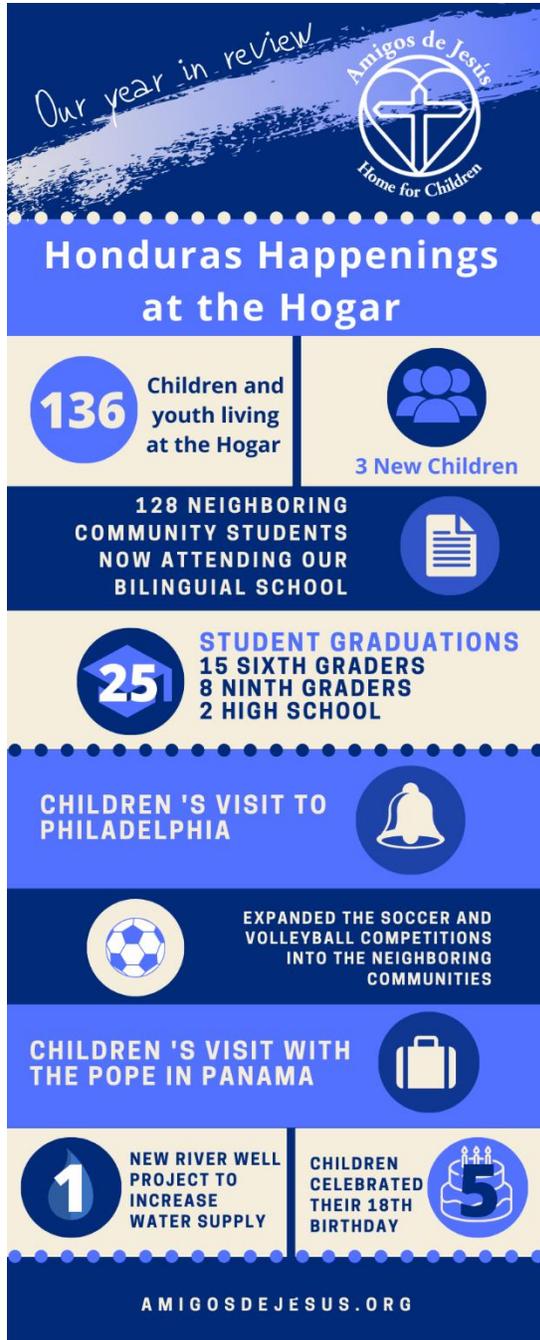
We also provide scholarships to children in Argentina, Guyana, Tanzania, and partner organizations in Honduras.

Who We Are

136 Children | 96 Employees | 107 Volunteers

14 Board Members | 1997 Year Founded

2019 By The Numbers



- 136** fully supported children in Honduras
- 193** additional children sponsored in Tanzania, Argentina, Guyana, & Honduras
- \$1.9** million in donations
- \$15K** gift for new Teaching Fellowship
- 3** new family-style children's homes
- \$11,073** total annual cost per child
- 91** staff in Honduras
- 630** donors in our Sponsor-A-Child program
- \$262,349** donated at our "Barn Fiesta" gala
- 148,512** meals served to the children
- 40** bicycles as Christmas gifts from donors
- 238** students at Amigos' Bilingual School
- 17** teachers
- 2** "Denton" containers sent to Honduras
- 12,960** gallons of water a day from new well
- 39** birthday cakes bought for the children
- 8** U.S. volunteers year-round in Honduras
- \$5,325** university tuition for our students
- 2** new Teaching Fellows
- 381** doctor visits
- 247** prayers requests
- 2,708** total number of donors

The Hogar

The homelife of the children at the Hogar (“home”) is filled with love and caring from the padrinos and madrinan (house parents) and among the children. Thanks to our generous donors, our children now live in 13 houses at the Hogar with fewer children per house for a more family-style living situation.

Five of the children’s homes (chapel on the right)



Enjoying free time at the Hogar



"Madrina" Martha Hernandez with the kids

Education

Our Bilingual School at the Hogar features pre-K to 9th grade for 110 Amigos children as well as 128 students from surrounding communities. Our high school and university students attend a mix of public and private schools in nearby towns and in the major city of San Pedro Sula.



“The students at the Amigos Bilingual School strive for excellence in and out of the classroom.”

– Osman Edgardo Quintanilla (School Principal)

Art projects at our Bilingual School



In the Computer Lab



Spirituality



“GOD IS THE GOD OF LIFE AND LIFE IS ALWAYS BEING TRANSFORMED...OUR MISSION IS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE LORD IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF HUMAN HISTORY BRINGING THE NOVELTY OF HIS KINGDOM.”

– FR. PATRICIO LYNCH

Three New Homes for the Children



Through the generosity of our donors, we built **three new houses** in 2019 for the children. These are more “family-style” homes with 8 children and two house-parents.

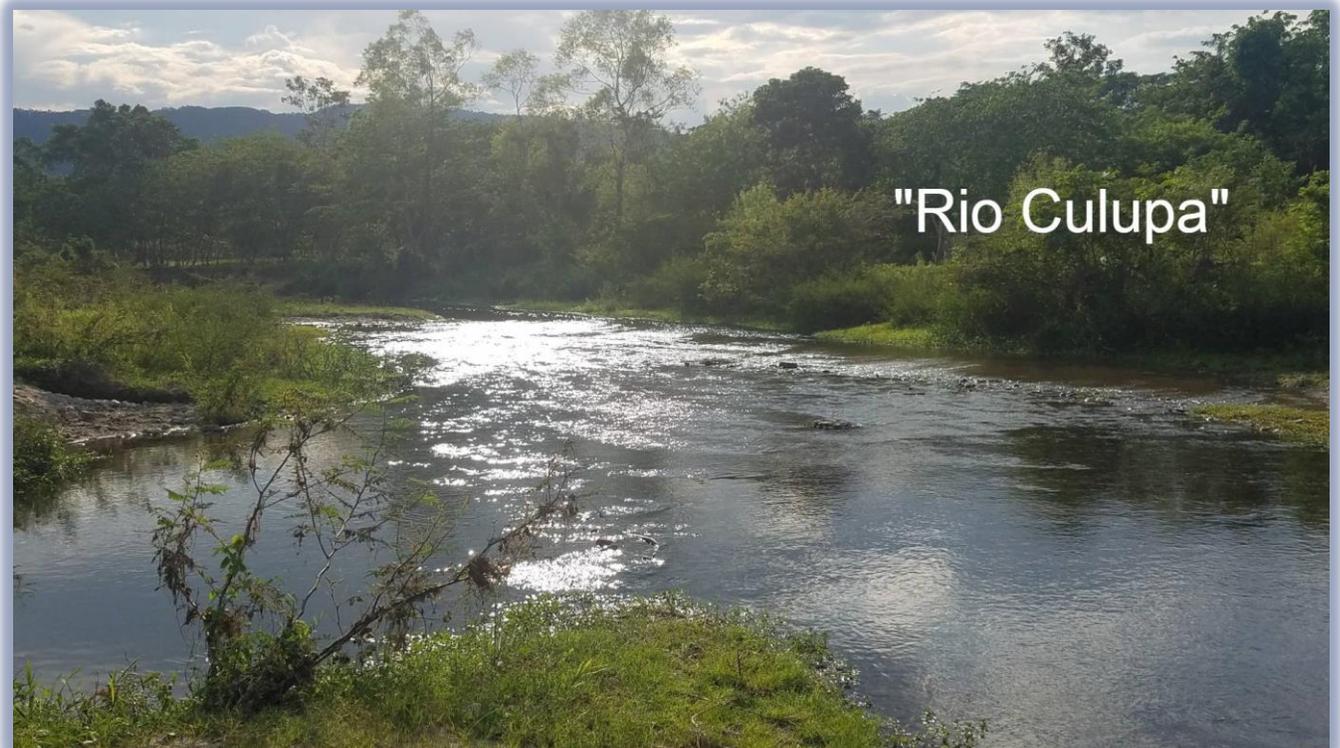


New Water Well



We are incredibly grateful to the family foundation that fully funded our fourth water well at the Hogar in Honduras. Water is such a precious commodity in Honduras! The new well is pumping 12,960 gallons of water a day from nearby Culupa River into our holding tanks at the Hogar.

12,960 gallons per day



New “Bodega” Warehouse



Children's Visit to Philadelphia



In September five children from Amigos visited the Philadelphia area for two weeks: **Kevin, Darwin, Denia, Maynor, and Elvin**. The children visited Hershey Park, the Franklin Institute, the Basilica, the Rocky steps, and St. Patrick's School. They also volunteered to prepare and serve lunch at a soup kitchen in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Thank you to Chris Rosati & Anita Robbins for hosting the children and to co-founders Chris & Anthony Granese for the memorable family meals!

“DURING OUR TRIP TO THE U.S. WE WERE SO HAPPY TO MEET A LOT OF BENEFACTORS FROM THE AMIGOS FAMILY...AND THE ROLLER COASTERS AT HERSHEY PARK WERE SCARY BUT FUN!”

— KEVIN (LEFT)



Events in the U.S.

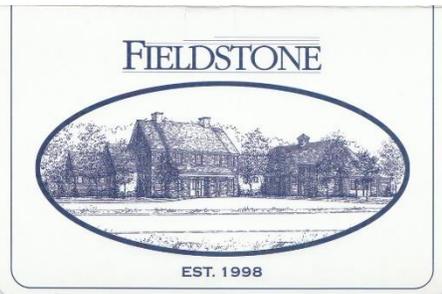
Barn Fiesta

Longtime benefactors and volunteers Janine Zozaya and Maggie McHugh planned and hosted the “Barn Party” gala in Berywn, PA on Sep. 21 for 300+ guests. Their tireless efforts and love for the children inspired our generous benefactors to donate a total of \$262,349 – **the largest single-day fundraising event in the history of Amigos de Jesus!** The funds went toward the construction, furnishing, and ongoing staffing of three new homes for the children.



Golf Outing

\$78,068
Raised
Thank You!



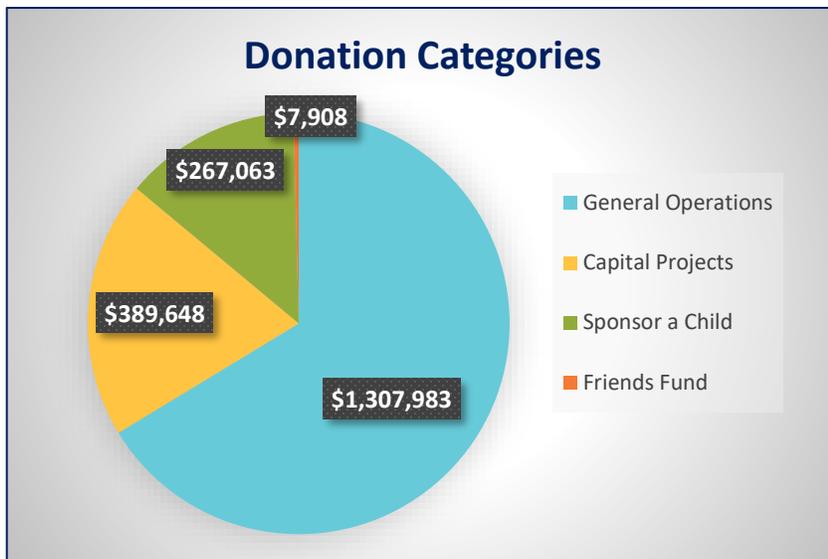
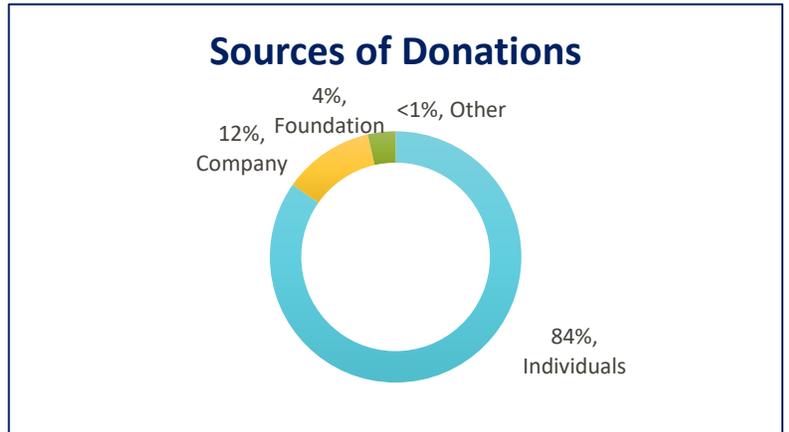
“Pints For Amigos”



Donations Report

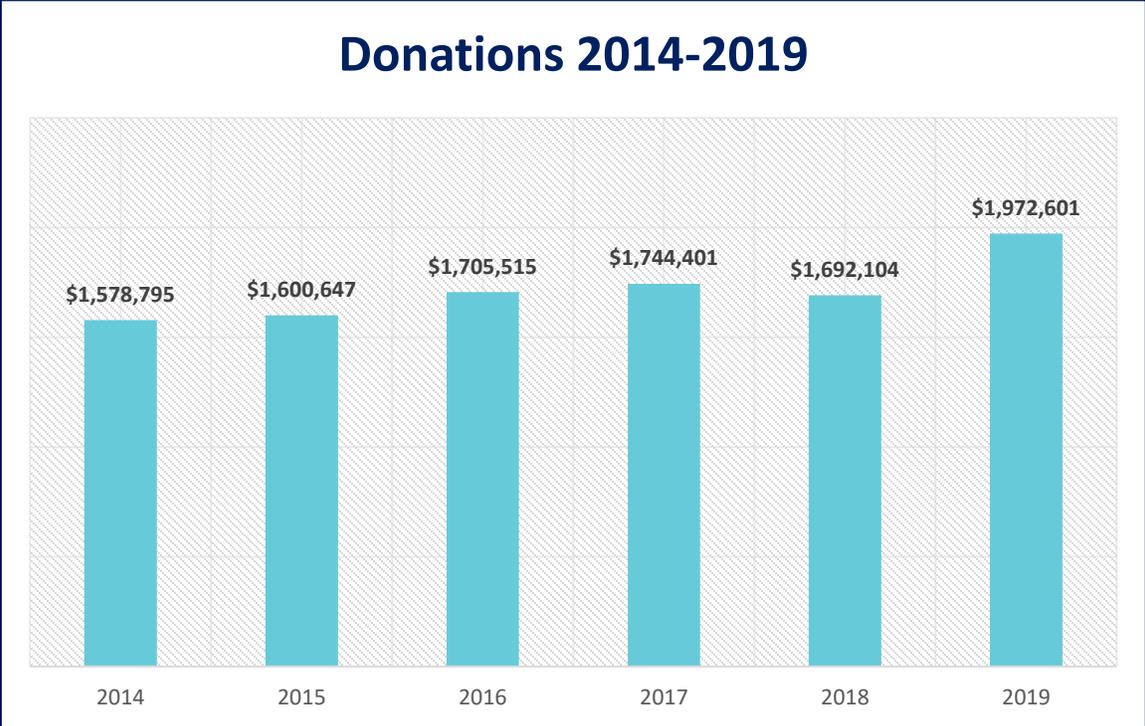
Donations in 2019

Individuals:	\$1,666,657
Company:	\$230,276
Foundations:	\$70,051
Other:	\$5,617
Total Donations:	\$1,972,601



Metrics in 2019

Largest Donation:	\$111,313
Number of Donations:	6,591
Number of New Donors:	690
Amount of New Donations:	\$378,334
Donors Who Increased Giving:	509
Increased Giving Donations:	\$699,035
Total Donations:	\$1,972,601
Total # of Donors:	2,708



Sponsor-A-Child

Our Sponsor-A-Child Program provides the unique opportunity for our generous benefactors to become a Godparent (“Padrino”). This is one of the most direct ways that you can change the life of a young person in need.

In 2019, **630 donors contributed \$267,063 to sponsor 329 children worldwide.** Your ongoing financial support of the children provides them with food, clothing, healthcare, education and a home.

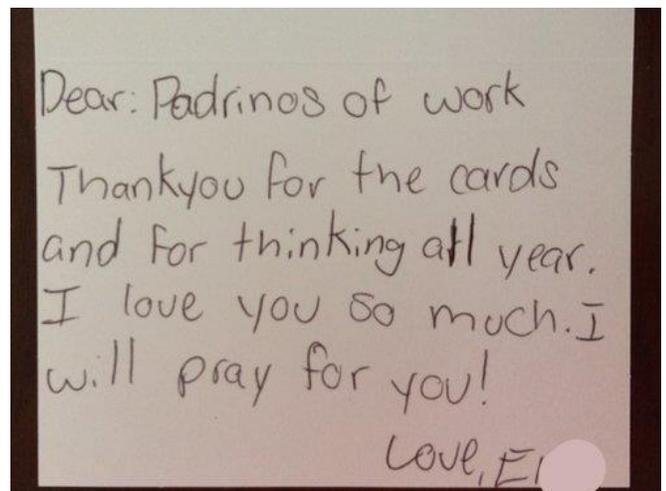
Sponsors receive photos, progress reports and an annual letter from their child. Sponsors also correspond with their child to get to know them as they grow and mature.



# Children Sponsored In 2019	
329	Total Worldwide
136	Amigos de Jesús (Honduras)
85	Santa Monica School (Honduras)
53	Copprome Orphanage (Honduras)
35	St. John Bosco Orphanage (Guyana)
13	Sisters of Mercy School (Tanzania)
7	Villa 18 Barrio (Argentina)

www.amigosdejesus.org/sponsor-a-child

A letter from from one of the children to sponsors



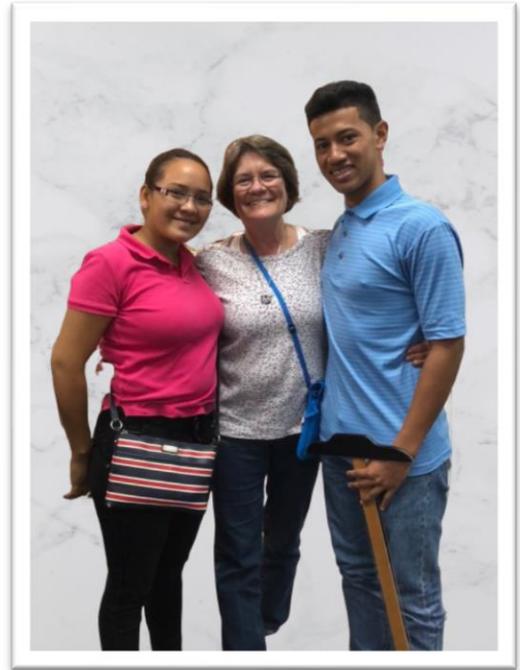
Benefactor Spotlight: Ann Turner

Ann Turner has led our Texas group of benefactors for many years. Her son Alan volunteered at Amigos in 2008 and since then he has been serving as Amigos' Children's Home Director in Honduras.

Ann writes:

"Amigos holds a very special and large place in my heart. We've been more than blessed in so many ways as we've been able to visit Amigos in Honduras at least once a year (& sometimes 3 times a year!). We've gotten to know the Amigos family very well and consider them part of our family.

"People often tell me how wonderful it is that I go to see the kids. But it is **THEY** who bless me at each visit. They are an important part of my life and a true honor to know and love."



Ann with the young adults she sponsors



In March 2019 **Ann and her family hosted a one-week visit to Texas** by Father "Pato" Patricio and Alan who shared the story and spirituality of Amigos de Jesús. They also collected pizza money for the children!



Friends Fund

Thank you to all of the donors who contributed \$7,908 to our “Friends Fund”! These funds are spent directly on the children for birthday cakes, soccer balls, jerseys, bicycles, field trips, school supplies, and snacks in town.



A Reflection from Benefactor Patricia St. Martin

I made my first trip to Amigos de Jesús in Honduras in October of 2014. The seven trips I have made since then have provided me with a unique opportunity to get to know many of the children, volunteers and staff at the Hogar.

One of my favorite parts of each trip is the overwhelming greeting given by the children and adults at the entrance gate area when we arrive.

On my last trip in April 2019, several of the older girls wrote out a welcome greeting on a long strip of paper that they held up while we entered the gate. The first words they said to me were “welcome home”. Those sincere words touched my heart more than I can express.

The resiliency of the children is inspiring as they work through the pain they have experienced in their lives and learn to trust and love. The support from their sponsors is treasured by each of them.



They ask about our families and learn about our lives through the pictures we share with them. I am privileged to witness the growth of the children I sponsor. Those cute little kids I met so many years ago are now confident teenagers.

I want them to know that I’m in their corner, interested in their educational progress and spiritual growth and support their aspirations for the future. I believe that every sponsor plays a critical part in the life of the child they support. I hold my children close in my heart and daily prayers.

Volunteers

Over 100 volunteers stepped up in 2019 both in Honduras and the U.S. to help carry out our mission. Our missionary volunteers in Honduras served as teachers, medical workers, librarians, marketing coordinators, role models, field trip leaders, and birthday party planners!

Our Volunteers in Honduras



Back in the U.S., our volunteers helped at events like the golf outing and the Barn Fiesta. They also did office work both remotely and at our office in Hatboro, PA. Special thanks to Deirdre Mullen who volunteered weekly throughout 2019 as our Special Projects Evangelist.

Berkshire Bank staff volunteered at our shipping container in Malvern, PA



Key Staff & Board of Directors

SENIOR HONDURAS STAFF

Wilson Escoto
Director of Honduras Operations

Amy Escoto
Director of Honduras Operations

Suyapa Sabillon
Director of HR & Legal Services

Alan Turner
Children's Home Director

Osman Edgardo Quintanilla
School Principal

Ubil Landaverde
Director of Construction

SENIOR U.S. STAFF

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Director of Development

Scott Burke
Director of Operations

Karen Caddy
Development Associate

Kristen Gibbs
Operations Coordinator

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President & Co-Founder

Father Patricio Lynch
Servant Director, Mission Integration

How You Can Help

Donate

Every donation goes a long way!

Please **Donate Online** at:

www.amigosdejesus.org/donate

or send a check to:

Amigos de Jesús
2200 Byberry Road #110
Hatboro, PA 19040

Sponsor-A-Child

Become a Godparent (“Padrino”) by sponsoring a child.

Please visit our **Sponsor-A-Child** page at:

www.amigosdejesus.org/sponsor-a-child

Support A Project

There are many projects that we need your help with in 2020 and beyond. Including construction, scholarships, guidance center, teaching fellowships and more

Please visit our **Support A Project** page at:

www.amigosdejesus.org/projects

Pray

Please continue to pray for the children of Amigos de Jesús.

Pray also for the staff, teachers and volunteers guiding them through life.

Please **Submit a Prayer Request** to amigos@amigosdejesus.org which the children will pray on.

Muchas Gracias!



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