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Dear Ruth,

Welcome to the May 2017 Santa Cruz al Salvador newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about our organization and the work we do in the communities of Guillermo Ungo and El Pilar, both in El Salvador. Through the hard work of many dedicated volunteers and your generous support we are able to work with and walk with the people in our communities for mutual improvement and growth.

Note on the photo above: these "fans" were given to the January 2017 delegation members when they arrived in El Pilar. The message is "thank you for helping us".

ES Presentation and Pupusa Brunch on June 11, 2017

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Salinas: El Salvador Presentation and Pupusa Brunch

Please join us on **Sunday, June 11, 2017** at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 580 Larkin St., Salinas, CA 93907. There will be a

presentation on the January El Salvador delegation at the 9:00 am Worship Service and again at the 10:15 am Pupusa Brunch. Brunch will include pupusas, eggs, sausage, and fruit. **The suggested donation is \$15/person.** All proceeds will go to support Santa Cruz al Salvador.



January 2018 Delegation



Plans in Progress

The Santa Cruz al Salvador Board voted unanimously to begin plans for a January, 2018 El Salvador Delegation. And we are happy to announce that [Rev. Karla Norton](#) has agreed to be the Delegation Leader again. If you have never been on a delegation we encourage you to prayerfully consider participating in our next delegation. It is a life-changing experience like no other, that is why so many delegation members keep returning. It is a great opportunity to see God's work in action in our Salvadoran communities.

To meet our sisters and brothers in Christ, have a meal with families, play with the children, meet your prayer child and visit historic sites to name just a few of the activities. Please watch this space for more detailed information to come. You may also click on Karla's name above to send her an e-mail.

Wine Tasting Event

Bargetto Winery April 29, 2017

A glass of wine, a sunny spring afternoon, tempting finger foods, music from the Barbara Lopez Group and convivial conversation -- all added up to a lovely time on the beautiful Bargetto patio. We upgraded our wine choices this year with some of Bargetto's Santa Cruz Mountains and Reserve offerings.

80-90 people attended our fundraiser this year. Ticket sales, basket drawings, and table center pieces of orchids and plants helped us raise close to \$6,000 and contributions are still coming in. **Thank you** to Pastor Anne McAnelly of St. Andrew Presbyterian who was our Emcee and to all who participated in and supported our event, it was a great success!



We especially want to thank the following sponsors: Thrivent Financial, Beverly's Fabrics & Crafts, Bargetto Winery, Hidden Gardens, MJA Winery, Odonata Winery, Orchard Supply Hardware, Rexford Winery, and Storrs Winery. Special recognition to Lois DeVogelaere of Christ Lutheran in Aptos and members of Trinity Presbyterian in Santa Cruz for the handmade items in our baskets. Thank you to Don Smawley and his daughter, Becky and her husband, Nick for their help with the food and to all the members of Santa Cruz al Salvador churches who worked to make our event so successful.

Drawings were held for themed gift baskets as well as table decorations; winners are shown below -- clockwise from top left: Elizabeth Bunch (Celestial Dreams, Trinity), Bill Jenkins (Wine, Advent), Byron Bunch (Table Orchid), Susan Gross (Coffee, Christ), Rev. Karla Norton (Chocolate, Good Shepherd), Judith Dunham (Garden, St. Andrew), Roberta Pruitt (Table Orchid), Don Smawley (Wine Lantern Case, Advent), Rev. Susan Birkelo (Wine, St. Stephen's), Jay Johnston (Zinfull Pleasure, Don Smawley), and Dr. Richard Robinson (Wine, Advent).



All proceeds support the work of Santa Cruz al Salvador in El Salvador.

January 2017 Delegation Recap

Action-Packed Eleven+ Days

This excellent delegation was comprised of twelve delegates, our in-country coordinator Brenda and Kike, the driver of the bus that transported us from place to place. The delegation organizers were Rev. Karla Norton of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Aptos and Lucas Grams of Lutheran Community Church, Watsonville.

The trip was filled with many visits, experiences and meetings with our Salvadoran friends. Looking back, it's hard to realize we did it all in just 11 days. Here's a brief summary of what we did:

- visited historical sites in San Salvador including the University of Central America where six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered, the Cathedral, and the tomb of Monseñor Óscar Romero;



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- attended worship on Sunday January 15th led by Pastor Karla;
- visited the Center of Art for Peace in Suchitoto, where we visited the museum and were treated to a stirring talk by Sister Peggy O'Neal;
- attended the scholarship awards ceremony in Guillermo Ungo and met our sponsor/prayer children;
- provided craft projects for the children of Guillermo Ungo and El Pilar (see photos below);
- learned about the history of the indigenous population of Itzalco;
- met the group from El Pilar, a village without running water and electricity but with wells provided by Santa Cruz al Salvador and viewed the first of ten composting latrines under construction;
- visited the Mayan ruins at Tazumal;
- strengthened friendships with the other delegates and with the Salvadorans we met.

Every day began with a devotion from one of the delegates and closed with reflections from all of us. If you have ever considered joining a delegation, please talk with one of this year's delegates. It was an enriching and unforgettable experience.



Making Wind Chimes in Guillermo Ungo



Making Wind Chimes in El Pilar

First Ten Composting Latrines Completed in El Pilar

Initial Build of Ten Completed

As the January 2017 delegation was winding down, we received word from [ESNA](#), our partner facilitating the composting latrine project, that the first latrine was completed! It has been a lengthy process educating, recruiting, and motivating community members for this project, so it is very gratifying to see this progress. Construction continued and the initial group of ten latrines was completed in February, 2017. This family is the proud owners of one of the latrines.

Phase 2 to build ten more composting latrines has been funded as well as another project to build an enclosure around an existing well located on the main road. Materials for both projects have been purchased and will be delivered the week of May 22, 2017. Construction supervisors have been selected and are ready to begin.

Santa Cruz al Salvador wishes to thank everyone who supported and/or participated in the Walk for Water events. Also thanks to our partner ESNA for on-site logistics and management.



Watch this space for more details on this years Walk 4 Water event.

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