

September 2018

Update: Shadowbrook, 2019 Delegation, Latrines, Thank You, and More



Dine for El Salvador

Santa Cruz al Salvador is signed up for Community Tuesday at the [Shadowbrook Restaurant](#) on Tuesday, November 6th. Invite friends; have dinner and contribute to Santa Cruz al Salvador at the same time! Shadowbrook donates 30% of your entire bill to our organization - just tell them you are dining for Santa Cruz al Salvador when you order. Reservations are required; make them starting October 9th.

Delegation: January 9 - 18, 2018 · Deposit* Deadline: October 1, 2017



Have you ever wondered what we actually *do* on a delegation? Perhaps you have donated a part of a latrine. Or maybe you have a prayer child in El Salvador. Maybe you have gone to a pupusa fundraiser or even a presentation about a Santa Cruz al Salvador delegation. Are you feeling a tug on your heart to go and see for yourself? Maybe this is the year God is calling you to go to El Salvador. And, no, you do not need to speak Spanish.

This is our 24th year of traveling to El Salvador to walk with the communities we support and from whom we learn a great deal. Delegation leader is Rev. Karla Kress. The agenda will be finalized once we know the level of interest from those of you who wish to participant. Let us know if you want to go or if you have questions!

* A \$100 non-refundable deposit secures your registration. Please make checks payable to Santa Cruz al Salvador and turn them into your Santa Cruz al Salvador church representative. We are having an informational meeting/orientation on Sunday, September 30th at noon at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Melrose Ave., Santa Cruz. Come and see for yourself.

For more information please send e-mail to Rev. Karla Kress.

Fund A Latrine 2018

Since 2016, Santa Cruz al Salvador has funded 40 latrines, or 50% of the final goal of one latrine for each of the 83 families in the two communities receiving them. Members of El Pilar and Las Orchideas have been instrumental in the latrines' construction, operation and upkeep. All this comes with an associated strong sense of purpose, accomplishment and pride. To the right is a very recent photo of one of the recipients of an Ecko latrine with her son.



Our churches are currently engaged in the Fund A Latrine Fundraiser. We encourage donations in increments of \$25; 28 donations make up the cost of one Ecko Toilet, or \$700. The fundraiser started in July and continues through the end of December. To date we've raised approximately \$5,800 for eight latrines.

Donations may be made at one of our seven churches or online.

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Spring Wine Tastings

Thank You • Thank You • Thank You!

Santa Cruz al Salvador would like to thank [Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotary](#) and [Bargetto Winery](#) for **two** successful wine tasting events this spring. The Rotary club named Santa Cruz al Salvador the beneficiary of its "Wine 2 Water" event at the Tannery Arts Center (see top photo at left) where \$6,383.00 was raised for Ecko toilets in El Pilar. Our own event at Bargetto Winery in Soquel (see bottom photo at left) netted \$4,484.00 for scholarship programs in Guillermo Ungo.



Save the date for the 2019 Winetasting Fundraiser at Wargin Winery on Hangar Way in Watsonville. The date is April 27, 2019.

For Those Who Have Everything: A Gift to Santa Cruz al Salvador in Their Honor

Again this year we have a Donation Acknowledgement Card with a picture greeting from Salvadorian children (see photo at right) and notation inside that “A donation has been made in your honor to Santa Cruz al Salvador, mission project of area Presbyterian & Lutheran Churches.” On the back is our motto: “Building Relationships for Better Lives” with an explanation that donations provide scholarships, school supplies, pure water and composting toilets in two rural poverty communities.



We hope you will consider making a donation in honor of family & friends on your Holiday gift list this year making a donation of the amount you would have spent for their gift. Contact your Church representative to make donations & receive Donation Acknowledgment Card(s). Thanks again for supporting our friends in El Salvador.

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