Ministry among the poor

Mexico has one of the most unequal distributions of wealth in the world. Twelve billionaires own almost half of the nation’s wealth, while the vast majority of the population work for the minimum wage of $7.00 per day…or less. The result is a struggle for the basic necessities of life. Cuernavaca is no exception.

We provide many forms of assistance to those who live in poverty, especially children: helping with school expenses, tutoring, literacy, computer skills, nutritious meals, medicines, a children’s library, and even burial expenses. Equally important, we walk with the people in the spirit of friendship.

Focus on education

Living in extreme poverty, a child often does not receive what they need to grow mentally and physically. We assess the needs of each child and give them the individual attention they need. Many of our children are indigenous and speak a native dialect such as Nahuatl or Mixteco at home. Since these children are at a disadvantage in school, we spend extra time teaching them how to read and write in Spanish. And we always provide a nutritious meal or snack when we tutor the children. It’s hard to concentrate on an empty stomach.

Our main focus is on education. We believe this is the child’s best chance to break the cycle of poverty. Many parents never had the chance to go to school and are unable to help their children with their homework. Barely living at the subsistence level, they want something better for their children’s future.

Can you be a Friend, Sponsor, or Partner to our kids?

We operate entirely on donations from people like you!

FRIENDS:
Your donation in any amount goes directly to help our children and makes you a friend to our kids.

SPONSORS:
If you wish, you may sponsor an individual child. The minimum annual donation is $300. When you sponsor a child, we combine your support with the support of other sponsors to help your sponsored child and other similar children. This provides necessities like school supplies, transportation to school, and school clothes. The Sisters of St. Francis also use a portion of each gift to support the general operating expenses of Cuernavaca Children’s Mission, which makes it possible for the children to receive the many services we offer: a safe place to study, a hot meal to ease their hunger, tutoring, children’s library, counseling, enrichment classes, and more.

PARTNERS OF CUERNAVACA KIDS:
Partners donate $1,000 or more annually. Your donation makes it possible for us to continue offering services to our children at no charge.
The Sisters of St. Francis
Cuernavaca Mission

- Focuses on education as the best way to break the cycle of poverty
- Works to empower children and adults from impoverished families in Cuernavaca and the surrounding villages
- Runs our Sponsor-a-Child Program to support and mentor children whose families live in extreme poverty
- Operates the St. Francis Children’s Library, open to all at no charge
- Provides nutritious meals to all the children that we serve
- Responds to emergency requests for basic needs such as food, clothing, burial expenses, and medicine

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How to help

Checks may be written to: “Sisters of St. Francis—Cuernavaca” and mailed to:

Mission Advancement Office
200 St. Francis Ave.
Tiffin, OH 44883-3458

You may make an online donation at www.tiffinfranciscans.org
(Click on “Give a gift” and “Sisters of St. Francis”, then specify Cuernavaca in the comments section.)

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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
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Working toward a brighter future for the children of Cuernavaca…

Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did to Me.
Matthew 25:40

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