COUNTRY FACTS

Area: 8,124 square miles – slightly smaller than Massachusetts

Population: 6,187,271 (July 2018 est.)

Languages: Spanish, Nawat (among some Amerindians)

Issues: A 12-year civil war ended in 1992; very high rate of violence and crime; deforestation, soil erosion, water pollution; hurricanes and earthquakes

DISCOVER NPH EL SALVADOR

In 1999, Father Wasson founded the sixth NPH home in Santa Ana, El Salvador. As with the other NPH homes, his decision was based on the needs of the many neglected and abandoned children. In December 2004, the last of the buildings in Texistepeque were completed and the family moved into their new home, Casa Sagrada Familia (“Holy Family”).

NPH EL SALVADOR FACTS

Opened: June 29, 1999

Location: Near the border of Guatemala in Texistepeque, about 30 miles from San Salvador, the capital

Features: School (grades K-9); vocational workshops; clinic; chapel; basketball court; soccer field; farm; independent water well; waste water treatment plant

*Includes children and youth fully supported, community children, youths and adults who receive support by either attending our onsite schools, receive scholarships, receive in-kind donations and or medical/social services.
DID YOU KNOW?

- The National Director is an Hermano Mayor (“older brother”), who was raised at NPH Mexico.
- The Grupo Musical y Danza performs traditional music and dances locally and in the U.S.
- The school features modern, well-equipped classes, and offers kindergarten through grade 9. The curriculum includes math, social science, science, language, spelling, English, computer science and physical education.
- All students begin vocational studies during the 7th grade and may choose from carpentry, tailoring, welding, and baking.
- A cooking workshop for children and youth with neurological problems and learning difficulties was launched in 2016, teaching them valuable skills for their future.
- A community scholarship program was launched in 2018. Currently there are 27 children and pre-teens studying at the NPH school, four youths in high school students, and 28 young adults attending university.
- A daycare center, Centro de Atención Infantil, was opened in 2017 for children ages 1 to 7. Enrollment increased in 2018 and it currently serves 52 children: 34 of them are from the local community and 18 are children of Hermanos Mayores who grew up at NPH.