



## ***Our Sister Parish Inc.***

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*Mission with the Presbytery of Des Moines  
in the small communities in the Berlín, Usulután, El Salvador area*

### **Who are we?**

For over twenty-five years the Presbytery of Des Moines has partnered with our Salvadoran brothers and sisters of the Pastoral Team in Berlín, Usulután, El Salvador to improve the lives of the people living in that area. This partnership has grown into the ***Our Sister Parish Inc. (OSP)*** mission, based on long-term relationships between churches in the US and the villages around Berlín.

### **The Pastoral Team**

The Pastoral Team has served the people of Berlín since the 1990s when this group of local Salvadorans felt the call to help their brothers and sisters. They organize and educate community leaders, facilitate project requests, financially manage projects, fulfill basic requests for health, education, food, and clothing that come to them every day, and provide pastoral care to the people of Berlín.

### **Our Sister Parish Inc. Board**

The ***Our Sister Parish Inc.*** Board is the coordinating body for the Presbytery of Des Moines' ***Our Sister Parish Inc.*** El Salvador mission. Their responsibilities include: educating people in the Presbytery of Des Moines and others about the work of the mission; assisting churches that wish to form relationships and organize delegations; promoting specific projects that support the mission; and fundraising.

### **On-Going Needs**

Funds for the on-going needs are always being collected:

- Fertilizer to help produce a crop on the horribly depleted soil from years of overuse
- Water tanks to store rainwater when it rains and the running water when and where it is available.
- Scholarships for middle and high school students to travel to and from school safely and school supplies for a year.
- Medical supplies for the ***Our Sister Parish Inc.*** annual medical delegation to distribute.

### **Don Justo Coffee with Dignity**

The ***Don Justo Coffee with Dignity*** project was started in 2002 with the sole purpose of raising funds for the ***Our Sister Parish Inc.*** mission. The project promotes:

- Fair prices for coffee growers and workers
- Environmental protection and biodiversity
- Profits are re-invested in Salvadoran communities
- Economic and Social justice

