

Moises Bismark Chavarria

A Brief History

Moises Bismark Chavarria is a six-year-old boy attending his first year of school in Villa la Cruz, a school in a poor neighborhood in the city of Jinotega, Nicaragua. When he was only a few months old his mother abandoned him and gave him to his grandmother to be raised. His father is unknown.

His grandmother, a malnourished older woman, takes care of Moises. She does not have a job, and only receives a little support from her ex-husband, since they have been separated for a long time. Both Moises and his grandmother live in a small house in extreme poverty.

Seven months ago, when he started attending school, Moises was malnourished and thin, very shy and withdrawn and he barely spoke. He was the smallest in his class. He did not play with other kids, due to lack of energy. Now, after receiving his portion of Feed My Starving Children food, he is more outgoing, bright and alert, and healthier; he has more energy and he is very attentive and participates in classes. His teacher said he now loves to play with the other kids. Already they have seen an extreme change in him and they all have high hopes that he will rise above his circumstances and grow into an independent and productive adult.

When Saint Edward's and AVODEC's team spoke with him at school he thanked God for the FMSC food and said that he is willing to cook food for other kids as a way to serve and repay this blessing.

Food for thought...

How far you go in life depends on
Your being tender with the young,
Compassionate with the aged,
Sympathetic with the striving,
And tolerant of the weak and strong.
Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.
- George Washington Carver

St. Edward's sister parish relationship with Our Lady of the Angels in Nicaragua is a vibrant, active and inter-active relationship, where we at St. Edward's support, affirm and encourage the good work that is being done in our Sister Church and it's community. We also invite you to consider traveling with us to Jinotega, to meet these wonderful people, to represent St. Edward's to Our Lady of the Angels, giving them faces to associate with St. Ed's, allowing them to retain their dignity and thank us in their own way, and show us what they have to offer to us as part of this reciprocal relationship.

