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Dear Sponsors,

Yashalúm de Santiago Apóstle, the Civil Association in Chiapas, Mexico with which Mission Teaching Foundation is partnered, is more than just an organization. It is a community - in the highest sense of the word: people who plan together, work together, pray together and play together. We congratulate Yashalúm on their 20th Anniversary as we share with you a sampling of their activities over the last few months.

- The Volunteers of MTF



An evaluation meeting of the education program was held with members of Yashalúm and MTF. Rancho Santiago Apóstol (RSA), the Boys' Ranch, had several good meetings with the staff and students to plan activities and hours of service. Casa Santa María (CSM), the Girls' Hostel, had two workshops on the environment and the recycling of paper.



Two dorms at CSM that have long had problems with water filtration were re-stucco-ed. To correct the filtration problem on the bottom floor, water spouts were installed on the roof. Also, cement posts were constructed for a new gate at the front of the house for greater protection and security and the gate was installed.



At RSA, work was begun on the remodeling of the kitchen, beginning with a new tile floor. In the construction of the new bathrooms, electricity was installed and the walls were tiled. The coffee field was fertilized with 1,100 pounds of organic compost from the composting and earth worm projects.



CSM was decorated for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Yashalúm participated in the procession of all the indigenous from the mountain villages. A pre-Christmas "posada" was organized and celebrated by the scholarship students.