

Dear Sponsors,

Thank you very much for your prayers and support. With your help, Yashalúm is able to offer the opportunity of a good education to those young people from low income families who want to continue to go to school. At the present time, there are 40 young men and women in junior high and 66 in high school. 108 students have continued on to university and receive scholarships.

In December of this year, the Chiapas Education Program will celebrate its twentieth anniversary. During the past 20 years, over **300** students have graduated from junior high, **200** from high school, and **150** from college. Yashalúm always supports the religious and cultural customs of the people with the development of the Christian faith, given that the organization was begun by a group of indigenous catechists concerned about the education of their children.



As a result of the scholarship program, Mauricio Cruz Jiménez and Hermelindo Hernández Gómez, two of our graduate dentists from the University of Morelia, are giving workshops on dental hygiene, offering teeth cleaning to the students, and giving service to low income families at the local government clinic. Two other graduates giving their year of service are writing grant proposals for the communities. One of their first successes is a project with “El Puente, SC” to expand the water storage facilities at the Boys Ranch and add a sand filtration water purifying system.

Thank you again for your help. Please continue to send your sacrifices. There are many more young people who have managed to finish elementary school and want to continue on with their education.

May the Peace and Grace of the Lord reign in your homes.



Elmar Hernández Gómez

College Graduate of the Chiapas Education Program
and current Administrator of Yashalúm

In light of the recent bill signed into law in AZ, we ask for your prayers and thank you once again for your financial support. Our students are being offered **the golden combination**: they have been **challenged** to work for a better future **and** they are being **encouraged** by their parents and their sponsors. Most young people who cross the border without documents have never had the opportunity for an education in Mexico. Not one of our college graduates has felt the need to emigrate.

- The Volunteers of MTF