

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



SOUTH KOREA

2019 included a lot of renovations and changes for World Villages for Children. In December of 2019, the Sisters of Mary formally turned over the management of all their charity programs in Seoul, South Korea back to the local government. The orphans cared for by the Sisters of Mary now attend government run schools. In South Korea, we have been so successful that the demand for our services has decreased and we are reducing our operation there. What a true testament to the effectiveness of the World Villages for Children and the Sisters of Mary!



THE PHILIPPINES

As the thirty year mark passed since the construction of school buildings in the Philippines, Adlas Boystown, Biga Girlstown, Minglanilla Boystown, and Talisay Girlstown underwent several renovations this year. The thousands of students who walked the halls of these schools for the past 30 years truly loved their campus to pieces. For example, multiple shower rooms and lavatories were renovated in Biga Girlstown as broken and stained wall tiles and toilets were replaced. Talisay Girlstown had leaks from upper floor shower rooms that were also repaired.



BRAZIL

Brasilia Girlstown graduate and recently designated Police Officer, Ana Paula, visited Brasilia Girlstown in January of 2019 to talk about the necessity of perseverance in order to achieve one's dreams. She inspired many new students coming from abusive situations to find hope in their new school and the Sisters of Mary.



MEXICO

In Mexico, structural reinforcements were made to a building that was damaged by the 2017 earthquake and the deep water well was serviced in Chalco Girlstown. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, World Villages for Children was also able to purchase more computers for Guadalajara Boystown, giving more boys the opportunity to pursue accounting as a future career.



GUATEMALA

In Guatemala, Zona 13 Girlstown received updated sewing machines for tailoring majors, while a freezer room was added to Building 1 in Zona 6 Boystown. Months later, the Sisters of Mary praised God for this extra space, as they stored food for their 1000+ teenage boys during the Coronavirus pandemic.



HONDURAS

In sports, the Tegucigalpa Girlstown's swim team produced a triathlon team that competed at the national level in Honduras. Close by, Amaratoca Boystown received a second building and welding shop. Because of these two new buildings, the Sisters of Mary are now able to give more boys an opportunity to study at their school and find work upon graduation this coming year.



TANZANIA

Tanzania Girlstown was officially inaugurated on August 22, 2019. The Sisters of Mary welcomed 153 girls that are now learning Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, technical skills, and more. These girls belong to families that are in terrible situations of poverty and deprivation. Many girls their age are getting married at 12-13 years old in order to survive. Instead, these young ladies are being given an opportunity to become intelligent and independent young women that are capable of providing for themselves and their families. Their first year however, the Sisters of Mary want them to know what it means to be a child and not to worry about where their next meal is coming from. The Sisters of Mary had the great pleasure of seeing the girls' faces light up as they tasted ice cream for the very first time.