

Brothers and Sisters of St. Clare Parish:



Silvia Angelica Monzon Ortiz, 38 years old, has four children: Angely, 9 years old; Eder Alexy, 6; Silvia, 4; and Leandro, 2. Her 42-year-old husband, Calixto Lopez, used to work in Guatemala City before the pandemic.

Silvia does laundry and cleans houses to earn money to help her husband with expenses. When the COVID-19 cases started rising in Guatemala, the country was paralyzed. Both Silvia and Calixto lost their jobs. Later on, their village was the one with the most infections. Silvia mentions that there were days when they had nothing to eat.

Recently, she was diagnosed with hypothyroidism and was feeling very sick. They had to borrow money so that she could see a doctor.



Now, she said they receive vitamins and their groceries from a food pantry, “thanks to the generous contributions from our sister parish.” She feels very grateful and blessed by God. “I wasn’t expecting this great help. I am so happy.”



The first thing she did when she got home was to prepare a delicious and nutritious meal with the groceries that she received. She was worrying because when she left the house, she only had enough money to pay for the bus fare and her medication and nothing left over for her children.

The children were so happy when she returned. “The children can perceive when things are going well at home, but they can also detect when difficulties arise.” For a while, this family will have both food and safety at home.

Thank you, St. Clare, for this great support to the neediest families!

God bless you!

