

St. Clare Sister Parish:



Maria Esther Coronado Reyes is a 58-year-old food peddler who starts preparing her “tatuyos” (tortilla with beans) at 4:30 in the morning. She was diagnosed with CACU (uterine cervix cancer) so she has to go to the hospital San Juan de Dios in Guatemala City, two hours away from home. “Since the pandemic began, it has been tough,” Maria says. “I haven’t been able to go to the hospital for treatment and people don’t buy my food like before, maybe for lack of trust” she thinks. She says that she’s not afraid of dying. She knows that she has to go out every day to work to take care of her expenses and the medicine she needs. She also notes that she gets strong pains in her legs and the soles of her feet.

Maria cares for her 84-year-old father who needs assistance walking. She also supports her daughter, Marcy Yoeli Pina Coronado, a single mother with a 10-year-old daughter who’s been without a job since January when the pandemic began.



Today she received groceries and vitamins, thanks to the support of our Sister Parish. She was happy and grateful for this blessing. Also, she received vitamins for her father. She expressed her admiration for people that help others and considers them sent by God.

She hopes that she will soon be able to go to the hospital to continue her treatment. She has faith in God but worries about who will care for her father if her cancer returns. She also worries that she and her daughter and granddaughter will have to find another home if her father dies.

Thank you, Brothers and Sisters, for your great help.