

OLP – this is your dividend!

Jose Alfredo Lobato Mendoza



In 2008 we began sponsoring Alfredo as he started as a first year high school student in the Scholarship and Formation Program in our sister community, San Raphael Cedros, El Salvador. Alfredo's father was an assistant cook. The family had electricity but they had no running water. There are seven other members in Alfredo's household. Alfredo is currently teaching fourth grade in San Rafael Cedros having graduated from the University at San Vicente in 2015. Obtaining his degree in education did not come easy for Alfredo. Every morning he awoke at 5:00 am, completed morning chores and then left for school, walking a half mile to wait for the passage pickup truck. The cost of the ride is 50 cents one way. From there he rode a passenger bus to San Vicente. The cost of this ride is \$1.20 one way. With an average income of \$2-\$3 a day, transportation is an enormous expense. In July of 2016 the delegation from OLP was fortunate to be able to visit Alfredo's fourth grade class. It was truly rewarding to see how our donations have been put to use. Alfredo will now pay it forward as he contributes to the Scholarship and Formation Program so others may have the same opportunity to gain access to education and make a change in their life and in their community.