MISSION TESTIMONIALS

In addition to going to San Jose, Costa Rica and Cochabamba, Bolivia, five more St. Martin's parishioners went with Faith in Practice to Antigua, Guatemala for a non-medical mission. The group worked alongside Guatemalan volunteers to help paint, clean and repair the Hilario Galindo Hospital, which is currently under renovation and expansion. Here are excerpts from two of their blogs.

To read more of the blogs, visit smartinsepiscopal.org/world-mission-partners-and-trips.

“Our first stop was to visit Casa de Fe (House of Faith) and meet up with Rev. Linda McCarty, the Executive Director of Faith in Practice (FIP). She gave us a nice introduction and let us tour the 100 bed facility of Casa de Fe. The purpose of Casa is to give medical patients and family members a place to stay prior to, and/or after their medical procedure that was performed by a FIP volunteer medical team. Often, the patients are coming from remote villages that are extremely difficult to get to. Getting a vehicle to bring a patient into the city is a feat in itself. If Casa wasn’t available, many of the patients would not have been able to come and receive the care they need.”

— Allen Kight

“It is so amazing how when there is a common goal it doesn’t matter what language you speak; friendships start to form and the project begins to take place. Together we all worked to begin to bring a fresh new look to the Hilario Galindo Hospital. St. Martin's has found a very special partnership with Faith in Practice that has truly developed some very life fulfilling mission trips to Guatemala and this hospital. Guatemala is a country that benefits greatly from these trips and so many of the people, who otherwise would not receive proper medical care, are being seen and healed by doctors who come to donate their expertise and time. What a blessing!”

— Shelley Adams