

Christmas and Three Kings' celebration at our Chiapas sister churches: 2022



Each year the Chiapas Project churches in Chicago send a small purse to each congregation to support a special Christmas-tide event. At San Mateo in Yochib it is usually a Christmas party for the kids, and San Benito in San Cristobal a Three King's celebration on Epiphany.

The San Mateo celebration took place on December 22nd. Carlos sent this description.

“ First there was an entrance song (by the choir of boys and girls in the class, 20 of the youngest). This was followed by words and blessings by Padre Florencio. We then had carol singing by the choir (White Christmas, My Sabanero Burrito, and Rodolfo the Reindeer, with the participation of two boys as Santa Claus and four girls as reindeer.



Then came breakfast for all the attending children and their visitors (Chiapas tamales and juice). There were

approximately 80 attending, children and adults. After breakfast all the small children went



down to break their piñatas and the older ones went to the church for their sweets and gifts; each child received a gift, about 65 in all. There was no shortage of Santas in Yochib this year.



Here is Rubi's account of the San Benito celebration this past Friday: "Following our Epiphany service we had a dance event, performed by three sisters, and then there appeared a representation of the Three Kings. This year they were played by Mr. Esteban, Prof. Alejandro and the young Dorian; they delivered the gifts (cups and plates) with sweets, to the children and young people of San Benito. To finish with the celebration we shared the traditional "Rosca de Reyes" bread and coffee.



About 40 gifts were given out to kids and the adults were given bags of sweets. More than 50 people came to the festival this year. We are really thankful that our brothers and sisters in Chicago make this all possible"

