

# ¡Noel!

## Help Restore Christmas for Sagrada Familia

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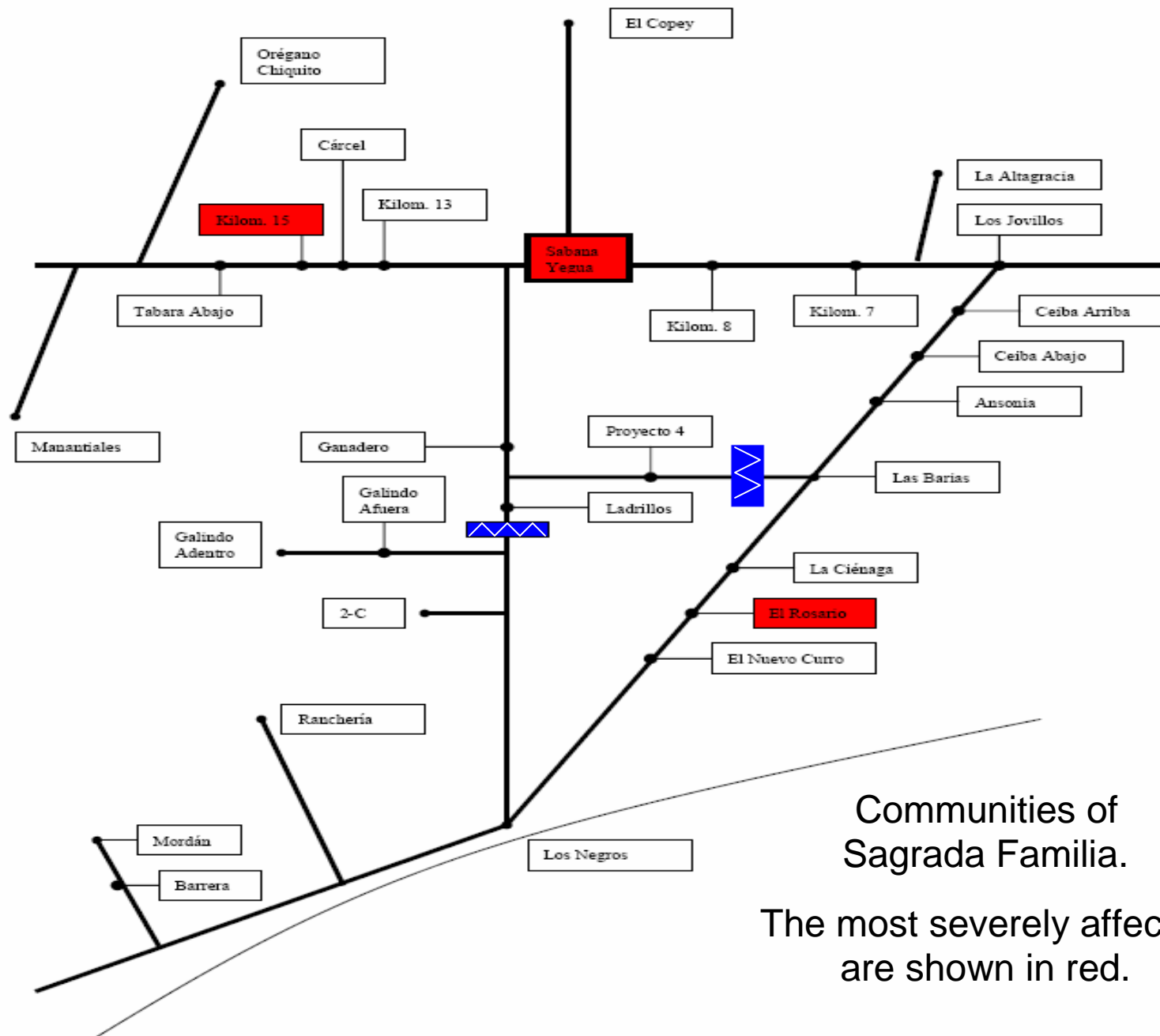
# Tropical Storm Noel hits Sagrada Familia



- It stormed for 4 days before moving out to sea



Noel caused severe damage to many areas of the parish



## Communities of Sagrada Familia.

The most severely affected are shown in red.



Livelihoods were lost when crops  
were washed away





The remaining land turned to clay



Roads and bridges were washed out



Water systems were destroyed



# The Village of El Rosario





Irrigation canals overflowed and filled  
the village with mud



The school was opened for shelter





People went home to survey the damage





Some found this...



or even this!



Clean up began





Those with cement floors fared better





Those with mud floors have the biggest challenge



Most lost their household items



They clean by day and return to shelters at night.

# The Village of Sabana Yegua







The canal overflowed



A home with the first family garden was destroyed



The floodwaters slammed boulders  
through another home



# The Village of Kilometer 15







The waters swept under this home...



came through the bedroom...



and carried their belongings out the front door.





In most homes the water almost  
reached the ceiling





The water continues to seep up through dirt floors



Families found shelter in the school

# Invitation to Help the People of Kilometer 15

- The area has flooded several times and **needs to be relocated**
- Local Farmers' Association is donating the land
- The Bishop and Pastors of Sagrada Familia ask people of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to help with this effort.
- Each of 30 new homes will cost \$4,000.



Can we help move people from this...





...to something like this, which  
weathered the storm?

# Alternative Christmas Giving

This year, we can help recover the word “Noel” from the recent destructive experience for the people of *Sagrada Familia*. We might consider giving people on our gift list a “share” in:

- Building all or part of a new home (\$4,000 per cement block home)
- Repairing all or part of a damaged home (\$1,000 average repairs)
- Restoring household items. (average of \$450 per home)
- Replacing latrines (\$250)

Of course, we can simply give a Christmas/Noel donation to assist our sisters and brothers in *Sagrada Familia*.

Whichever we choose, 100% of the money will go to them for their recovery efforts.

# They need new homes





They appreciate our help!



# Noel-Help Restore Christmas

Send your donations to:

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