

# Dignity and Respect for Migrants



*l to r - Alejandro, Marcos and Isabella*

**ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019**, during our stay at the Guadalupe Center in Cuernavaca, we brothers met with two migrants from El Salvador, Alejandro and Marcos, and Isabella, a young Mexican volunteer at *Albuerque Tochan-Nuestra Casa*, a hospitality center in Mexico City where the two migrants are staying. Alejandro and Marcos told their story and emphasized that they would prefer to live in El Salvador but were in Mexico to escape violence and death threats from gangs in their home-country where they would either be recruited or killed if they refused. Instead of spending billions to build a border wall to keep them out of the United States, could not that money be better spent to help address the violence of the gangs in their country so that they could live safely in El Salvador? They thanked us for listening to their story and for taking them seriously – humble hopes for human dignity and respect! ■