



Please Remember in Prayer

Partner Church Delegation to Guatemala

March 24 – April 1, 2008



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Randy Hembree (Burnsville, First); Jim Ludwig (Burnsville, First); Dennis Stamper (Hickory, First).
Middle Row: Sue Grabau (Mt. Holly, First). *Front Row:* Nina Greene (Dallas, First);
Cindy Williams (Newland); Dorothy McKenzie (Gastonia, First); Marie Pender (Hendersonville, First).

The team will be eager to share their experiences in churches or clusters on their return. Contact Ginnie Stevens for more info ~ (vestevens2@aol.com; 828-438-4217).

The Team requests prayer that:

- ❖ Our sister churches welcome us just as we are, imperfect children of our Savior, and that we become mutual partners in change;
- ❖ Our team travels safely to Guatemala and back;
- ❖ The language barrier melts away and we can communicate with our hearts, making a special connection with our sister churches;
- ❖ Our churches support and pray for us collectively and individually, that they be open to hear what we have to say on our return, and that the Holy Spirit also works in their hearts;
- ❖ Our families support and pray for us and that they are taken care of while we are gone. On our return, pray that they listen to our experiences, be patient with us, and join us in promoting justice among all people;
- ❖ We can let go of our daily stresses and concerns we have about families and business;
- ❖ Finally, our spirits are open to the Holy Spirit's direction, our eyes to see the joy and the needs of our sister churches, our mouths to communicate our concern for their well being, and our hands to greet them and to work for justice for their people.

The Partnership ~

Presbytery of
Western
North Carolina



Presbiterio de
Suchitepéquez

Presbiterio de
Sur Occidente

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina has been in partnership (covenant relationship) with Sur Occidente and Suchitepéquez Presbyteries in Southwest Guatemala since 1994. The goals of the partnership are to:

- Mutually encourage one another (Romans 1:12)
- Testify and demonstrate to all the reconciling love of Christ (Romans 12:9-21)
- Help our congregations and pastors gain a better understanding of God's shalom and experience God's abundant life in all aspects of our lives.
- Affirm our integral faith in Jesus Christ

Our intentions are to work as partners in support and mission in our respective countries, to learn from each other, to share our joys and pains, and to appreciate those gifts that each church offers for God's purpose.

As presbyteries we work together in the areas of health and Christian education. 32 congregations in PWNC are partners with 30 churches in Guatemala. This trip allows members of some of the partner churches to get to know each other face to face.