



PARTNERSHIP WITH GUATEMALA

Be a Health Program Partner

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina has enjoyed a remarkable partnership with two presbyteries in Guatemala for fifteen years. With our brothers and sisters in Guatemala, we have grown together in the five priorities agreed upon by all three presbyteries: Christian Education, Health, Church-to-church pairings, Youth, and Pastoral Care. The church-to-church pairing has been one of the most direct and rewarding ways of relating to Guatemalan Presbyterians. However, only two churches in Guatemala currently need PWNC partners, which leaves nearly ninety churches here without such a partner.

As the Health Ministries Program has matured, it has reached a point where it could develop more rapidly with congregational partners itself. So churches are now invited to partner with health ministries instead of, or in addition to, a local church, with many of the same benefits and requirements.

As with a congregational partnership, the church that chooses to partner with Health Ministries will contribute \$300/year. This money will help fund the plans developed by the joint committees, as spelled out below. In return, the church here will receive assistance and resources to help its members benefit spiritually by the relationship.

This expansion of the partnership to include the chance to "partner" with a program priority instead of a congregation will provide many more of our churches here an opportunity to experience the blessings, the excitement, and the challenge that our deepening relationship with Guatemalans is providing.

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Help Further Health Ministries in Guatemala... and Further Your Church's Growth & Vitality

By becoming involved with the Health Ministries partnership between the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and our sister presbyteries in Guatemala, your church's understanding and vision of God's kingdom and your part in it can grow as well.

- **A speaker will be sent to your church on a yearly basis to update your congregation on the status Health Ministries in Guatemala.**
- **Resource materials on health concerns that affect us here and in Guatemala will be provided to partner churches here.**
- **Churches will be able to send delegates to Guatemala to see first hand and to participate in health related projects with Guatemalan churches; also, those delegates, their pastors and sessions will be given help in developing plans to enlarge the impact of their visits on their congregations.**

When churches partner with Health Ministries:

- **They will help improve community health with dry or composting latrines, clean water, organic family gardens, community health programs, improved stoves, advanced training for health educators.**

So whether you are already partnered with a sister church in Guatemala, or whether you are not – you may participate in this opportunity that will change lives both here and in Guatemala.