

Walking with Our Partner



CEDEPCA in Guatemala

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Discover Guatemala in all its diversity, complexity and beauty. Travel with us through this enchanting country and get to know the people of diverse cultures through CEDEPCA programs and its relationships with other Guatemalans working together to make life better for their people.

- ❖ **Seminary and Pastoral Studies.** How does theological education happen when it requires a 4-hour drive (212 kilometers) from Guatemala City taught by a traveling professor, communicated in Spanish, and translated into Maya language? The CEDEPCA Seminary reaches out to Guatemalans eager to learn more about the Bible and how to lead others in faith and discipleship.
- ❖ **Intercultural Encounter.** Why are Guatemalan children fleeing to the U.S.? What is the cultural and political environment in Guatemala today? CEDEPCA opens the door for partner groups to be with Maya and non-Maya Guatemalans in activities that make everyday life of our brothers and sisters a reality.
- ❖ **Women's Ministry.** What problem do Guatemalan women have in common with women in the U.S.? What can we learn from our Guatemalan friends about how to address violence and oppression of women? CEDEPCA works to eliminate violence against women and children, and also promotes the dignity, self-esteem, and leadership abilities in women.
- ❖ **Disaster Relief.** Houses lost, lives lost - where do people turn in disasters? Working in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, CEDEPCA's strength is preparing individuals for catastrophic events and ministering to people in distress and providing crisis counseling for communities affected by disaster.

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Trip Details:

Cost is \$1,800 which includes group airfare and in-country expenses. Scholarship assistance is available. This covers housing, transportation, and meals.

How to Register:

Deadline is May 15, 2017 for registration form and \$200 deposit. Make check to Presbytery of New Covenant, and send to: Robert Beach, 7068 Spanish Grant Galveston, TX 77554

Trip Leader:

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Hundreds of U.S. Christians have encountered Central America through CEDEPCA's immersion trips. Few have come through the experience unchanged. You may begin to rethink and 're-feel' your faith in light of your contact with the Guatemalan people. Many participants have spoken of their experience in terms of 'conversion' and 'new commitment' to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the same may happen to you.

--from CEDEPCA's Immersion Group Materials