

Mission Presbytery Guatemala Partnership Continues to Support Students at Seminario Evangelico Presbiteriano in Guatemala

Guatemala Partnership has continued to support tuition of four seminary students in Guatemala. These scholarships are supported by craft sales at twelve Presbyterian Churches in Mission Presbytery. The scholarships are provided to three men and one woman enrolled in a six-year seminary program at San Martín Zapotitlán, Retalhuleu, Guatemala, to become Ministers of the Word and Sacrament with the National Presbyterian Church of Guatemala.

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The biographies of the four students sponsored by Mission Presbytery are set out below:

Biography of Alejandro Garcia

I, **Alejandro García**. I was born on July 18, 1966 in the Champerico Township, Department of Retalhuleu Guatemala. I grew up in a large family composed of nine children in conditions of extreme poverty, which is why I was the only one of the nine children to finish elementary school at the age of 14. Then we moved to the State of Chiapas Mexico. When I was 16 years old, my father died and lost a friend, my desires my reason for living. In trying to help my father, I fell into drug addiction at the age of 18 years. I started smoking marijuana, then cocaine and crack for a period of 10 years. By that time, I was living with a woman and we had 4 children. To never respected my family, I was unfaithful and mistreated them both physically, verbally, and psychologically. I lived with hatred and exposed my life to danger and death. That life began In Guatemala, continued In Chiapas and with the same social problems I came back To Guatemala, Suddenly I developed a deadly disease, I went 14 days without eating. I lost consciousness and about 40% of my body weight, In that condition, one Monday 23 January 1995, without any other option, I accepted Christ as my Father and Personal Savior. I made a pact to give him my life on the condition that he would heal my illness, I would follow him and serve him but wanted to be transformed with his guidance. All this happened in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ebenezer of the ALdea Rosario, Champerico. In that church I got married and was baptized on February 9th, 1996. I worked hard in support of the youth group. , On April 14th of the same year I was ordained as a Deacon of the Church. On January 7, 2001 I was ordained as a Ruling Elder, On 13 January 2002, I received the privilege of becoming a Sunday school teacher for adults. On August 2002 I was a counselor for the women's society. On

December 9, 2006 I finished my studies in Theology at the high school level at the Presbyterian Seminary of the Pacific where I belong. On July 31, 2005 I working full time working as a contract worker for the Session of Sinai Presbyterian Church at Retalhuleu. On April 14th, 2007 I was called and ordained to the pastoral ministry of the Church. I continue to serve to date in a congregation. Between 2008 and 2011 I achieved my adult high school diploma in secular studies. I also achieved my high school diploma in In Science and Literature also for maturity, in 2012 I started my undergraduate studies in Pastoral Theology at the Presbyterian Seminary. Due to an illness, I only achieved my Teaching Media of Theology In 2017 I resumed my undergraduate studies. I am currently in the 5th year of my scholarship I was been granted. Now I'm almost 52 years old, I earn and equivalence of \$375 per month, and Is my only income. I have no house of my own, only what the church gives me. My house was burned by a short circuit and had to abandon it to come and serve the Church. All my brothers are of Mexican nationality and live in the state of Chiapas, Only I live in Guatemala.

Biography of Carina Lucerito Garcia Herrera

My name is **Carina Lucerito García Herrera** No. 2082 96808 1108 DPI born in Nuevo San Carlos, Retalhuleu on December 15, 1991, I am married to Juan Elías Chacaj Lux, I have three children., Currently living in subdivision Córdoba Zona 4 Retalhuleu, I am a secretary graduated from Colegio Santa María, Retalhuleu.

I was baptized in the 2010 at the Sinai Presbyterian Church Retalhuleu I am currently a collaborator of the women's Society and a Betel ring collaborator.

Aspirations

Know More About God.

Have More Knowledge about the word of God.

Know How To use my profession within the church.

Share God's word with people who don't know it

Long Term Goals To be able to finish the degree in theology

Be a pastor in the church

Teach the Word of God to my family and to non-believers, and primarily to the Church (the Body of Christ)

Biography of Jose Francisco Lemus Herrera

My Name Is Jose Francisco Lemus Herrera, Born On 24 July 1950, 2492 83115 0101 DPI.

In 1988, I started helping the Church "Friends " on 30th Street and 6th. Avenue Zona 3 in Guatemala City. Within 5 years of the military rows, I was named Deacon and Collaborator In different areas including Evangelism.

For reasons of work, I had to move to another region and I attended different churches without getting directly involved with them.

By 1999, already back in Guatemala City and living In Zone 6, I started attending the Central American Evangelical Church -"Christ King Of Gloria ", located in the neighborhood Colone "Go bernacion", where I continue to serve the Lord.

On the 30th of December 2001, persevering In the Church "Christ the King-of Glory," I was baptized by Pastor Carlos Hernandez.

Since May 2005, I started attending the Evangelical Presbyterian Church "Ebenezer".

On the 10th of December 2006, I became an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

On the 21st of January 2007; I was presented to the church along with others as an active member of the church.

On May 13, 2007, I was ordained as a Deacon according to the requirements of the Presbyterian Church.

From 2007·To 2010, I attended "Jose Carrera" Seminary.

In 2018, I was granted the privilege of being named Sunday School Superintendent.

Biography of Gleis Nohe Calderon Reyes

My name is: **Gleis Nohé Calderón Reyes**, Born August 28, 1958 in Retalhuleu Guatemala, Centro America, Since my childhood I have lived In Canton Barrios, Nuevo San Carlos, Retalhuleu. My elementary school studies took place in Mised Publice School of the Canton neighborhood. I attended high school in the municipality of New San Carlos Retalhuleu.

After achieving my diploma, I felt the need to continue studying Theology, but I needed to study a diversified level. That is how I went to the Presbyterian Evangelical Seminary of Guatemala located at the municipality of San Martin Zapotitlán Retalhuleu. That is the way I achieved my high school diploma under the auspices of Latin American College in Arts and Sciences. Later I continued my preparation in Theology at the previously mentioned Seminary, where I got the Title of Professor in Theology. For economic reasons I could not continue with my studies. I always aspired to obtain my Bachelor's Degree **of Theology.**" With that preparation God had called me to the vocation as Minister of the word and Sacraments and started to pastor a Church of the Pacific Presbytery where I belong part-time. Thanks be to God, this year I'm finishing the Degree In Theology because God is using a partnership of American Brothers of which I am benefiting from a scholarship and I will obtain the degree I've so much longed for, all with God's help. If possible, I will continue to obtain better Theological preparation because it is my desire to know more and more of God to impart in the churches where God sends me.

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