

## **MDU Meeting – Conference Call – Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

Attending via call: George Hall, Cathy Higgins, Cindie Moore, Sue Miller, Carrie Saathoff, Edwin Estevez

### **Opening Prayer-Cathy Higgins**

### **Update on Year 1 of the Agreement – Cathy and Cindie**

One year ago, MDU and Association of Mam Christian Women for Development signed their agreement. Per the agreement, the Association was expected to present an Evaluation of 2015 Activities (Year 1). The Association sent their annual report via Cindie, which exhibited an impressive list of successes and points of progress.

### **Finances**

We began to discuss our 2016 distribution of MDU Funds in support for Association per Agreement (Year 2) – Our grant request was for \$7,000.00. George said he hopes the full amount is granted but this is not confirmed yet. Funding will come from three sources: West Legacy, Speer Trust, Presbytery. So we will start making plans to spend \$4,000 to \$5,000 at this point, with final distribution decided when we have final amount secured.

Ideas suggested:

1. Support Rosario's clinic – Westminster and Dover
2. Latrines – MDU, Westminster, and Dover (we have 5 already paid for; we would like to fund 15 more this year. About \$300 each; family contributes \$65. Los Claveles #2 has requested 18 latrines (Dover could fund.)
3. Micro-Loan Group (maybe 2) – Westminster, MDU
4. Scholarship Program – Cindie suggests that if we have left over money (even just a few hundred dollars) we can easily put that towards scholarships.
5. General support for the school fund
6. Support Brian and Sandy Royer-Thompson – our mission co-workers
7. Maybe \$1,000 for travel expenses.
8. Training via CEDEPCA and Betty Carrera (\$500)

### **Beach Retreat**

March 4 and 5, 2016 – Mission focus – Edwin, Cathy, Sue and Carrie plan to attend.

We have asked Donna Scully if we can set up Guatemala display with filter model and "sandwich boards", few scarves, thank you cards, etc. Sue, Cathy and Carrie will man the table Friday morning. We will also put out a basket for donations. And Cindie will pare down her extensive annual report to 1 or 2 pages with photos and email it to Sue. Sue will make copies to place on our table.

### **Possible 2016 trip**

Dates are June 14-22 or June 21-28. This will depend on the date of the Women's assembly. Rosario to confirm. Who is interested?

### **Possible January 2017 trip**

We will need to get on CEDEPCA's calendar. January is very busy for them.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Saturday buffet breakfast at the Beach Retreat – 8:00 am. After that we will meet on March 21 via conference call at 6pm.**