

Minutes  
New Castle Presbytery Guatemala Group

The Guatemala group met by conference call on May 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Those participating were Bill Reed, Cathy Higgins, Sue Miller, Cary Saathoff, George Hall, Cindie Moore, Sue Miller,

Cathy Higgins opened with prayer.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Higgins and Reed are seriously considering the PCUSA Big Tent meeting in Knoxville, TN, July 30-Aug 1. There will be meetings (simultaneously) of the PCUSA Guatemala and CEDEPCA networks. They will get together in the next few days to develop a specific budget for the trip. The group was generally supportive of Cathy and Bill attending and to investigating what, if any, financial help could be provided.

George mentioned that a woman in her church, Lorna, might be interested in a prayer partnership effort. Cindie and Cathy will be in touch with her. Other possibilities for prayer partnerships were discussed. Cindie will discuss the best approaches to these partnerships with Rosario. Major question is what sort of periodic contact is possible/appropriate. Cindie will try to take some pictures.

Brief discussion of the funds remaining in the 2015 budget. The \$5,000 recently authorized for a new micro loan group has been received by Cindie and she will be able to take it on her next trip.

During the last trip, some women in a microloan group that is producing soap, requested help with packaging their soap in a more attractive, competitive way. We discussed various options available at Uline.com. It seems like the women would prefer to get a significant supply asap rather than several samples to review with larger amounts to come later. Cathy will send some possibilities to Cindie for her to check with Rosario

The next call will be Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Reed, Recorder