

Guatemala Fresh from the Field

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ADIP. He is diabetic and currently in the hospital #Pray #PrayMonday



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Last week there was a mudslide in the city dump in the capital city. Please pray for the 60 individuals that are missing, #Pray #PravMondav

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We #pray for Sadoc and his family as they visit our North American offices and supporting churches #PrayMonday

Everyone gives! A Story of Transformation

In Guatemala and some countries of Central America the word "cuchubal" is used in reference to a savings group in which every @world-renew.net| member pays a certain amount of money in determined periods of time. Each time the group gets together, a person receives, in turn, the total of the contributions of the whole group. Cuchubal comes from the Mayan word *K'uxiubál*, which means "everyone gives."

> In the community of San Martín Sayaxché, in the lands of Petén, lives Concepción Ich. She and her husband have nine children. She is 51 years old and was invited to be a member of a cuchubal in a women's group. Concepción didn't know anything about the cuchubal technique before, and she used to think she was not able to save money because she never had enough. However, motivated by this program of APIDEC (a partner of World Renew Guatemala), the group became organized, with every member giving a contribution of 15 quetzals (about \$2 USD). Her husband helped her to raise the contribution.



When the group had their first meeting. Concepción, to her surprise, was first to have a turn to receive the money! In that moment she found that this was a way to develop her family income, and she decided to invest in buying two little pigs to make good use of this new capital. That was a good example for other families too.

Now she tells others that it is possible to improve their own conditions by saving their own money. She is still enthusiastically supporting the cuchubal and is grateful to God and to APIDEC because she learned how to improve her life conditions through the savings group. This was the first time her community participated in a savings initiative, and Concepción discovered that it is a good idea not just for a family but also for the whole community.

Prayers for Guatemala

- Please pray for the Evaluation of our Local Partners this year.
- For the volunteers and teams coming to Guatemala in the next months.



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