

GUATEMALA MICROLOAN PROJECT UPDATE: May 2025

In a word or a phrase, microloan participants were recently asked to express what this project means to them. Here are some of their responses.

- Opportunity for development
- Tranquility
- Advancement
- Flourishing
- Peace of Mind
- Assistance in progress
- Education
- Advantage
- Enjoyment
- Encouragement
- Great support
- Assistance for my business and family
- A tremendous blessing from God
- A step forward in my professional life
- A substantial help
- Thanks to this project I am making progress every day
- Moving forward

Thanks be to God for making this possible and to all of you who have helped provide opportunities for life changes in these Guatemalan women!

Organizational update: Flor and Reyna continue to administer the microloan project while also working to meet the legal requirements in Guatemala to form a new association. Much progress has been made in this transition, yet there is more to do. Please continue to keep them and the Microloan Task Force in your prayers.

Loan Cycle Changes:



EL PROGRESO finished Cycle VI and began Cycle VII in February. This group has 12 very responsible and hardworking women beneficiaries who have many entrepreneurial dreams to achieve. They wrote out their goals and strategies to meet them.

Rosita: “During this cycle, I aim to establish myself as a massage therapist, promote my services, and develop a social media presence.”

Elsa: “I am taking out a loan to invest in my sales of construction materials. I plan to create flyers to distribute and attract more customers. Note: Elsa, together with her husband, started the business of selling construction materials and it has gone very well. Elsa does not know how to read or write but recently started studying at CONALFA (National Literacy Committee) where another microloan participant is the teacher.”

Maria: “I wish to return to pig farming. My objective is to construct a corral for my animals, keep collaborating with my children, support one another, and persist in my sewing.”

Visit our [“Guatemala Microloan Project” Facebook page](#) to read more about each group. Also, please share our posts so others can learn about this work.

SINTANA changed to Cycle VII in March with 1 new participant joining the group. The women wrote out their goals and strategies to meet them.

Rosa: “My goal is to have a spare parts store. I’ll advertise and have a set schedule. It’s important to be kind and patient with people, and to do things with love.”

Guadalupe sells crafts, party favors, and decorations. “My goal is to improve my business by stocking up and opening another branch in the Coatepeque area. I also want to spend more time with my family, especially my 3-year-old daughter. To achieve my goal, I need to create business cards to promote the business, come up with more ideas about the details, and train my staff.”



Guadalupe

NUEVO AMANECER - Only 3 women attended the workshop on March 4. A good discussion was held about the group’s situation, and why some were unable to attend due to family problems, illnesses or formal jobs. Strategies to strengthen group participation were discussed. Each agreed to check in with someone who had missed to find out how she was doing and to give information about the next workshop.



Children also find joy in the workshops. Childcare is now being provided, allowing mothers to focus on the workshops and giving children fun learning time. Games and books are brought that enable the children to engage, stimulating their curiosity, creativity, attention, concentration, and strengthen mental, social, and emotional skills.

Delegation Trip - The Microloan Task Force is planning its next **delegation trip to Guatemala** for late October or early November. Trip participants will spend time with the microloan staff and visit microloan groups and some of their businesses. The group will also spend time learning about Guatemalan history, culture, and geography. The cost is \$1,800 per person which includes accommodations, transportation, airfare, and meals. It does not cover personal preparation expenses, such as passports and immunizations. Past participants of our delegation trips found the experience both meaningful and inspiring. The visits are also incredibly uplifting for the Microloan staff and participants, who deeply appreciate our support. If you are interested but the dates or costs don't work for you, or if you have any questions, contact Susan Maveety at susan.maveety@gmail.com.

Help Is Needed!

***Serve as a prayer partner** –Each microloan participant is assigned a prayer partner to pray specifically for them. When a need arises, Reyna sends prayer requests to our Prayer Partner Coordinator who passes on these requests to the prayer partners. Interested? Contact Sharon at shmeares@hotmail.com.

***Arrange a program for your group or church** – Help spread the word! There is so much to share. Contact Susan Maveety at susan.maveety@gmail.com to reserve your date/time.

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