

GUATEMALA MICROLOAN PROJECT UPDATE: November 2025

Enjoy These Inspiring Profiles of Four Microloan Participants!



Brenda studied nursing and has worked in hospitals and clinics for 10 years. With the help of her father, who is a bricklayer, she was able to build a pharmacy that offers vitamins, antibiotics, analgesics, and expectorants. Brenda can administer injections, take blood pressures, provide nebulization, treat wounds, and care for postpartum women. Brenda joined the Microloan Project in Cycle VIII, hoping to further expand her business with affordable credit. The pharmacy's income helps pay monthly school fees for her daughters.

Amparo is a dedicated farmer who cultivates corn and beans. She sows her crops between May 10th and 15th and harvests them in October. Alongside the corn, she also plants beans and squash — a traditional practice known as *Las Tres Hermanas* (The Three Sisters), reflecting ancestral agricultural traditions where the three crops grow in the same space. Amparo says: "Microloans help me a great deal to invest in land leasing, buying seeds and fertilizer." She also raises chickens and pigs as another source of income.



Reyna, a 42-year-old single mother of two, has participated in the Microloan Project since her group was formed. She is a successful woman who has faced many challenges, but has much faith and trust in God. She shares that the Microloan Project has been a great help because of its low costs and the prayer support. She uses her earnings to save, buy school supplies, and provide for her family's health. She states, "It is a joy to be part of the Project."



Elsa is a street vendor who sells traditional foods such as chocolate and corn atole (a nutritious drink), cooked yucca and chipilín tamales. Every afternoon she goes out to sell her homemade dishes in the community.

In Elsa's words, participating in the Microloan Project has made her wake up. With the profits from her business she has been able to improve her home – she replaced the roof, built a sink, and in this cycle plans to install a cement floor. She expresses heartfelt gratitude for the prayers and financial support that have helped her move forward.

Organizational Update: Flor and Reyna have been hard at work completing the steps necessary to comply with government regulations to form a new foundation. The board of directors has been formed, the paperwork has been filed, and now they are waiting to hear from the government of Guatemala. They are grateful for the prayer support through this process and look forward to completing this stage of transition. Once this is finalized, we look forward to being able to begin additional microloan groups.

Delegation Trip: The next delegation trip to Guatemala to visit the Microloan Project will be January 20-28, 2026. Please keep the following participants in your prayers: Delilah Bragg, Karen Mills, Suzanne Rhinehart, and Mimi Michael from FPC Newton; Ellen Dozier, member of PWNC; Nann King from Long Creek; Lynn Noble from Reems Creek Beech; Kathleen Norman from Brevard Davidson River; Susan Maveety from New Hope Asheville; and Sarah Brown, who spent a year living in Guatemala and is a member of the Microloan Task Force.

Ways You Can Provide Support!

* Purchase Alternative Giving Cards for Christmas!

These beautiful “In your honor” cards are an excellent way to honor someone in your life while also providing valuable financial support to the Guatemala Microloan Project. The cards inform the recipient of the gift made in their honor and include a brief description of the Microloan Project. A minimum donation of \$10 per card is suggested. To order cards, contact Sandra Teubner at steubner@charter.net. You may also contact

Sandra to order cards in bulk to make available to your PW group or church.

* **Serve as a prayer partner:** contact Sharon Meares at shmeares@hotmail.com to provide prayer support to a specific woman in the project.

* **Arrange a program for your group or church** so others can learn about this project. Contact Susan Maveety at susan.maveety@gmail.com.

* **Make a donation** online through our website at GuatemalaMicroloanProject.org or send checks payable to PW PWNC to PW treasurer Amy Yenderusiak, 604 7th St NE, Conover NC 28613.

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