

# Stove Builders of Guatemala Newsletter

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**That's how many stoves have been built in Guatemala!**

**Your donor gifts have made it possible!**



## Master Stove Builders Key to Project

Guatemalan stove builders build stoves in the villages of Guatemala, improving the health and life style of the local Mayan people. We are so happy to announce that 15 stove builders have been trained and work in 8 villages. Work teams have opportunity to learn from these builders!

## Methodist Church of Guatemala Leaders Come to the USA

Pictured are 3 church leaders who visited Wichita FUMC this summer. Pastor Tomas Ixtan Riquiac (IENMPG President), Doris Flores (VIM co-coordinator) and Pastor Jeronimo Mateos presented a program to teach more about the impact of Stove Builders on the people. They told about the living conditions in Guatemala and how we can participate.



**Join a work team and work beside the stove builders. Meet families and learn the culture of Guatemala**



**Next trip with openings:**

**January 21-29, 2017**

**Contact Bonnie Laycock at 316-207-0883**

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## History of the Methodist Church of Guatemala.

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It is a very long name - National Evangelical Primitive Methodist Church of Guatemala (IENMPG) – with a long history and presence in Guatemala. The church has been part of the Wesleyan tradition since missionaries arrived in Guatemala in 1922. The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) has been an active partner with IENMPG since 1976 when GBGM sent humanitarian aid and teams to help Guatemala recover after a devastating earthquake.

The IENMPG, with the support of GBGM, is committed to health programming including medical and dental clinics, education, and construction of fuel-efficient stoves, pastoral housing, classrooms, and sanctuaries. Additionally, the church is dedicated to spreading the message of Christ through children’s Sunday school and Vacation Bible School programs. IENMPG works to serve rural Mayan populations mired in poverty.

*Article by Karen Fieser, member of Norwich UMC (Kansas) and 5 times work team member for SBG*



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### Partnering with the IENMP/Volunteer in Missions (VIM)

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According to missionary, Calley Piland, “During the Mission Retreat, IENMP/VIM Guatemala identified the building of stoves for Guatemalan families still cooking on the ground over

open fires as a priority. Instead of ‘reinventing the wheel’ and relying solely on ourselves to accomplish this goal, we utilized our resources as a ‘connectional church’ and after much research and analysis to insure this organization’s goals align with our ‘Foundations of Mission,’ the IENMPG Executive Committee approved a partnership with Stove Builders of Guatemala (SBG.)

“SBG is an approved UMC Advance Project (#322040) with over 6 years of experience in building long-lasting stoves using local materials. SBG also trains locals to become “master stove builders” providing them with an income.

*Photo of the first partnership work team from Cheyenne, Wyoming. Front right, David Weaver, Stove Builder of Guatemala representative*

## Testimonial: (Read more testimonials on our web site.)

"We were all quite concerned if we would be able to handle building the brick stoves, since none of us were brick layers. However, with the four stove builders, who were fantastic, we were able to build 14 stoves for the people of Patulup. We worked hard sifting sand, mixing cement, soaking and carrying bricks, filling cracks, and trying not to be in the way of the stove builders."

"It was such a blessing to be in the homes and interact with the families. They were helpful, kind, and even provided nourishment while we worked. We found that the language barrier was not an issue as we worked, talked and prayed together when we blessed each stove."

"We have been to Patulup several times, but we feel that being out in the village and in the people's homes makes us feel like we are doing more to better the lives of the people in the village. "

*Excerpt from letter to Calley Piland by Les and Sue Humphrey, Mission Team Members, First United Methodist Church, Cheyenne, WY*



*Work with the stove builder*



*Interact with the family*



*Learn the culture*

## Testimonial:

"We finished nineteen stoves by the end of our work week, with materials stored at the Paxot Segundo Methodist church to complete the full twenty-five. The local stove builder, the least experienced of the four we worked with, is now a skillful, seasoned builder who will continue to help the people to improve their quality of life. He has completed the remainder of the twenty-five stoves in his village by now and will build more in the future, as long as materials can be made available through Stove Builders of Guatemala. The experience has changed our lives and I am sure that all of our team feels that we really are "Amigos por Siempre" (friends forever) with our teammates and all of the stove builders and Mayan families we met, served, and shared our week with."

*Excerpt from article by Bob Sappington, Trinity UMC, Arlington, TX*

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**“Giving Tuesday” SAVE THE DATE! November 29, 2016**

Founded in 2012, **#GivingTuesday** was launched as a global movement and has engaged over 30,000 organizations worldwide. It’s a “giving event” timed to occur on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving and its recognized shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Global Ministries will allocate matching funds dollar for dollar, up to the \$1 million in gifts to the Advance projects received online on Nov. 29, 2016 beginning at 12:00 am EST. Stove Builders of Guatemala received \$4,935 last year.

**MARK your calendar now!** Plan to give your gift just **after midnight Nov. 28, 2016 EST** and get matching dollars for Stove Builders of Guatemala!



How to give: Go to the United Methodist Global Ministries web site:

[www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3022040](http://www.umcmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/3022040)

. This link takes you directly to our project; when you’re there, just click on **“GIVE NOW.”**

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