

## GALA GIFTS

Gala participants make giving decisions in many ways. Some act on their faith or are touched by the smiles of the students. Others, like concrete details—facts and numbers—to visualize the impact. The information below was shared with the Guatemala Gala Committee by Pastor Karen Castillo, Bishop, Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala.

All Gifts given to the 2021 Guatemala Gala—**PARTNERS IN EDUCATION** will support the Education Ministry of ILAG.

***After the \$33,000 payment is made to the ELCA for the loan, what are ways the ILAG may use your gala gifts to provide a life-changing, elementary school education to more students?***



A gift of \$2500.... builds a classroom as part of the renovation on the first level of the school.

A gift of \$500.... provides a playground with a path, basketball hoop, and soccer goals.

A gift of \$200.... purchases one of 8 white boards needed in new classrooms.

A gift of \$100.... buys one of 30 desks that will be used by additional students.

A gift of \$25 ..... pays a one-month scholarship for one child in the elementary school. This covers the cost of the utilities and the teachers' salaries.

***How might some gifts be used for scholarships that benefit teens and adults in the rural communities where our companion congregations are located?***

A gift of \$1000.... provides a one-year scholarship.

*Approximately 30 scholarship requests are received each year.*

*College requests: Nursing, Teaching, Computer Science, Lawyer.*

*Technical College requests: Mechanic, Electrician, Baker, Sewing, and others.*

*Scholarships includes: Tuition, transportation, housing, food, supplies—  
students leave villages to attend school.*

*Funding: 10 annually through the ELCA/Global Mission*

*20 through individual gifts and offerings.*

***Continuing to provide education for pastors and church leaders is important. What are some ways that the ILAG may use the gala gifts to support this training?***

ILAG has been able to provide each congregation pastor/leader and regional pastor with a tablet; internet service is often a distance from the communities which delays communication. However, the tablet is a tool for other purposes in the communities. While the pandemic has limited face-to-face contact, the ILAG sees the potential that online training and communication has now and in the future as another way to strengthen its ministry while continuing its commitment to offer ongoing training to its local pastors and leaders.

A gift of \$20..... purchases internet service for one village for one month...there are 15 villages. A gift

A gift of \$240..... purchases internet service for one village for one year.

A gift of \$200..... buys a printer for one village.