

# Life Change

***“Small change to you; life change to them!”***



In 2001, Presbyterian children and congregations across the US collected loose change in piggy banks to send to Guatemala. The millions of pennies they amassed went to buy pigs for families, a

successful micro loan program where Guatemalan families raised and sold piglets before repaying the cost of the original animals. In rural Guatemala where the majority of families work on coffee plantations and have to survive on \$3 or \$4 per day, the additional income made a significant difference. Those pennies collected in Sunday school classrooms gave birth to hope and new lives for some of the poorest families and children in Central America.

Now our pennies are needed again. Mission Presbytery's Guatemala Partnership is asking churches -- and children -- in Central Texas to send their change to support a new micro-loan program in Guatemala. These loans will go to buy fabric to be sewn into clothes, woodworking tools, and other supplies to help these struggling, hardworking people break the cycle of poverty.

The small change from your pocket or collection plate can make an enormous difference. People are frequently very motivated to move into new areas of work but, on an agricultural worker's salary, cannot find the money that would be needed to buy the tools, material or equipment necessary to get started. Life Change offers them a way to move forward.

## How does *Life Change* work?

Donations to *Life Change* are pooled and used to finance small loans to Guatemalan workers to start particular projects. When the project is at a stage where products can be sold, the loan is repaid and the money then becomes available to new groups of workers.

As loans are repaid, the money is loaned to new people and the original gift keeps on giving!

The families served by these loans are desperately needy, yet eager for the chance to work at changing their condition. The coins we collect may be small change for us, but it can change their lives.

Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please support the *Life Change* ministry. Help us transform the world, and build His Kingdom, one family at a time.

Make checks payable to:

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Thank you for your support!

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