



Decades of civil wars, political instability and discrimination have left many Central Americans impoverished and vulnerable to the region's frequent natural disasters.

CEDEPCA's goal is to promote lasting changes to Central American communities through education, by giving students the tools to improve their lives and their communities. Based in Guatemala, CEDEPCA offers programs throughout Central America. CEDEPCA offers education and training through four programs:



**Women's Ministry**



**Disaster Ministry**



**Intercultural Encounters**



**Biblical and Theological Seminary**

CEDEPCA, the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, is an educational institution that works to transform lives and realities by offering education spaces to women and men of diverse Christian traditions and communities.

CEDEPCA USA is a US 501(c)(3) organization seeking to improve the lives of those most in need, by funding international programs that produce lasting change in the lives of individuals and communities. For more information, visit [www.cedepca.us](http://www.cedepca.us) , or CEDEPCA USA on Facebook.

### ***Gifts that Change the World One Person at a Time***

1 year non-university biblical & leadership classes in rural areas	\$50
1 year of Disaster Planning/ Prevention/Recovery community workshops (\$90=2 months)	\$540
1 year tuition for Women's Ministry anti-violence classes (\$32=1 month)	\$384
Water filter for clean drinking water for a family for 2 years, sanitation & health workshop & follow-up	\$50
10 Disaster Ministry workshop textbooks	\$10
1 year full university-level seminary tuition (\$130=2 months)	\$780
1 Women's Ministry class textbook	\$5

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## Women's Ministry



CEDEPCA's Women's Ministry promotes the dignity of women and works to eliminate violence against women and children. Our classes empower

women and give them the tools to improve their lives and families, and to provide leadership in their communities.

### **Health care and Women's Ministry:**

In many parts of rural Guatemala, women lack access to maternity care. Casa Materna, an international movement, helps provide more attention to pregnant women in isolated areas, in order to prevent deaths. Casa Materna Ana Sayre, working with CEDEPCA Women's Ministry, addresses this need in the small town of Cahabon. It provides a free and safe place to finish labor, located close to the town's health center.



## Disaster Ministry

One of the greatest problems in Central America is the effect on communities when natural disasters and other crisis situations occur.



Natural disasters have long-term impacts on communities, reducing the ability of individuals and communities to control and improve their lives.

Disaster Ministry began in 2009, with a focus on training community leaders to prepare for, and recover from, natural disasters. The new ministry has been tested yearly by hurricanes, landslides, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.



## Intercultural Encounters



Intercultural Encounters offers church, university and community groups from the United States, and Canada the opportunity to visit Guatemala

and learn about its people, society and challenges. Groups learn through a variety of experiences, including immersion, community visits, and work projects.

The program allows participants to engage people in a different part of the world, and to become agents of change when they return to their communities. At CEDEPCA, we believe it is impossible to transform Guatemala in one week, but one week is enough time for Guatemala to transform you.

*"So many things have really opened my eyes and changed my views on how I want to live my life from now on. I want to empower others the way that this trip has empowered me."* Rachel Haecherl, Augustana College



## Biblical and Theological Seminary

The lives of most Central Americans revolve around their churches, and pastors and church leaders are the key to improving lives and communities.



Education is scarce and expensive, however, and many church leaders have minimal training. Road to Emmaus Biblical and Theological Seminary offers opportunities ranging from basic Biblical training and continuing study courses to university level programs.

*"I came from a fundamentalist denomination, but now I have a more serious and contextualized approach to theology of ministry. In our congregation, we are now working with greater social responsibility, giving priority in our ministry to single mothers and children with terminal illnesses."*

—Arnoldo Aguilar

## Your Gift Matters

When you give to CEDEPCA, you help provide the education and outreach that truly transform lives. Send your tax-deductible donations by check to:

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