## YOU ARE INVITED TO PMT'S 2016 GUATEMALA TRIP

## Dates: March 5 – 12 or 13, 2016

**Purpose of the trip**: This trip is designed to enhance the partnership between the Presbytery of the Q'eqchi' Peten and the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and to deepen the relationship between individuals of both presbyteries. The general goals of the partnership between PQP and PMT are to work to enhance general and theological education, various women's issues, and leadership development. Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Meet Pastors and Elders of the seven churches in the PQP
- Learn about the IENPG the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala
- Meet women church leaders who are working on the Pig Project and working to develop Presbyterian Women at the presbytery level
- Worship with our Guatemalan brothers and sisters
- Help in various areas: Leading children's activities in the villages, participate in planning meetings with church elders and Presbyterian Women, painting at the Sayaxche Presbyterian Complex, update a village-by-village education survey from 5+ years ago, etc.
- Build lasting friendships with people in Middle Tennessee and Guatemala
- Visit Tikal National Park, a Mayan ruin and UNESCO World Heritage Center

**Cost**: Airfare + Daily fee (which covers room, board, transportation, etc). Currently airfare is around \$800 from Nashville to Guatemala City. The daily fee in Guatemala is \$90. The approximate total cost of the trip is \$1500. Other costs will include malaria meds and personal spending money, including the entrance fee to Tikal. The committee hopes that cost will not deter anyone from going – scholarships will be available. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made through the Presbytery office.

**Accommodations**: The group will spend 6 or 7 nights in hotels which are clean, adequate, have electricity (even wifi), and generally hot water. One night will be spent in a village, where we will be the guests of our partners.

**Transportation in Guatemala**: All transportation is provided by the IENPG. Philip Beisswenger, mission worker for the IENPG will accompany the group at all times. Plans are also being made to visit with PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers, Richard and Debbie Welch.

**Questions?** Contact: Barb Hall, <u>Barbara@theentertainment.com</u> or Kathy Corlew, <u>kathycorlew@comcast.net</u>, or contact Kathy Corlew at 615-972-8300 or through the PMT office at 615-332-3330.

**General trip information meeting: Monday, November 30, 6:30PM, at the PMT office**. Please email Barb, Kathy, or the PMT office (<u>pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com</u>) to indicate your interest. We look forward to sharing this faith-deepening experience with you.

