

## Now More Than Ever Scholarship Help Is Needed

In The US the virus is on the decrease and most students will return to school this fall. In Guatemala this story is more dire and our help is needed now more than ever. The virus level in some areas of our partnership is at it's highest level and vaccines are available only for those seventy or older, healthcare workers, and factory workers.

The presence of the pandemic and the inability to work in Guatemala has left many parents unable to provide food for their family much less afford the expense of sending their children to school. Scholarship funds are being used for television presentations, internet classes, cell phone connections with their teachers, and school supplies. The partnership committee has approved the use of scholarship funds to provide internet connections.

Church members cannot afford to pay their pastors and many pastors are unable to do all their pastoral responsibilities. At least 8 pastors in Sur Presbytery have had the virus and some have died. Pastoral care is greatly needed.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your scholarship support at this time. The General Education Fund, which is funded by donations from individuals and a couple of churches continues to help the 5 churches in Guaemala that do not have church partners in WNC or scholarship programs.

**Pledges** to your Guatemala Church Partner and donations for those churches without partnerships **must be sent to the PWNC by October 1** of this year to allow students to register for the 2022 School Year.