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Committing to God's Call

Noe Hinojosa Jr. says he's grateful he was able to attend the Presbyterian Pan American School.

"If not for PPAS, I wonder where this kid from Brownsville, Texas, raised in Matamoros, Mexico, would be," he says. "At the time, I was fascinated to go to a school where the classrooms were carpeted and air conditioned—I had never experienced that before."

Hinojosa is a 1979 graduate of the school. While there, he found himself immersed in an international setting—his classmates from around the world.

"We were in a very unique environment, surrounded by Christian teachings, while at the same time getting the help we needed to excel in the classroom," he says. "The experience gives you more understanding, compassion and tolerance for others—which in the end will bring peace. It makes you a more well-rounded person as you go about discovering the world and all God's people."

Hinojosa went on to do just that. He graduated from Pan American University, now the University of Texas, and serves as the president and CEO of Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc., the largest Hispanic investment banking firm in Texas. Noe and his wife, Marcia, and their two children, are also active members of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas. He credits much of his success and happy family life to his time at the school.

"If not for the Christian foundation built at PPAS, I don't think I would have been as prepared to contend with everyday worldly events," Hinojosa says. "It afforded me this, and I hope others will experience the same."

But it's not just about his experience. He considers the Presbyterian Pan American School, partly supported by your gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, an international ministry and outreach that all Presbyterians should back.

"PPAS is an institution where many of its alumni go back to their respective countries to spread God's word and message around the world while all attempt an undergraduate or post graduate degree," he said. "The school has the opportunity to double in size from 150 to 300 enrolled students. We should commit to God's call to continue to give to those who seek Christ and want to make this world a better one."

Please give generously.

