

St. Michael's Guatemala Project – 2011 at a glance

St. Michael's Guatemala Project is an ongoing nonprofit, non-sectarian informal partnership with the Maya of the CPR-Sierra [Communities of Population in Resistance of the Sierra] that continues a relationship begun in 1993, during Guatemala's 36-year internal conflict.

2011 Summer Teams – by the numbers

Volunteers – 4 (Coordinator and 3 nurses, stays from 3 to 9 weeks)

Volunteer days – 150, including international travel days.

Total is equivalent to 30 five-day work weeks, or almost five months of 7-day work weeks. It is up slightly from last year's 130 days. High was in 2007, when eight volunteers were in-country for 241 days. We continue to remind, "What's most important is what happens when we aren't there," though our presence encourages the community health workers and lead health team. Support for them remains a Project priority and the single largest budget item.

Communities visited – 21 (of 22 CPR communities and resettlements): 4 major resettlements outside the Ixil Area of northern Quiché (one now divided into 4 contiguous communities, counted individually), 8 Ixil Area communities beyond roads, 2 more involving an arduous 4WD entry, and 4 small Nebaj-area rural resettlements.

Consultas / medical consults: total 670 recorded

Team nurse and Maya health leaders working together: 595

Coordinator observing or assisting local health leaders: 75

Hemoglobin tests (check for anemia) – +/- 137

Glucose tests (blood sugar test) – +/- 135

Blood pressures – everywhere, to model taking vital signs. Even though high BP is rare, we've found some anomalies and also began treatment for a few elderly folk with elevated BP.

Meetings with Ixil Area Health Ministry in Nebaj: 4

Other: First contact with the Moore Center for Pediatric Surgery in Guatemala City, which provides free services from visiting U.S. surgeons and may become a followup resource.

Continued close relations with and support from the Episcopal Diocese of Guatemala, which holds Project funds for the CPR.

Visit to the U.S. – Equipo de Salud leaders Domingo and Pedro March 28 - April 18, as part of the reciprocal partnership.

Programs and meetings in Denver, Phoenix, Tucson – schools, universities, solidarity groups, indigenous, hospitals, the Arizona Episcopal Diocese, migrant support groups, the Guatemalan Consulate, and all U.S. Congressional Delegation offices in Tucson. Trips to migrant routes on the Arizona - Mexico border.

In Denver a hospital contact led to an ongoing relationship between the CPR-Sierra and the NGO C.U.R.E., which will be sending a supply container later this month – if all goes well.

Trip to Washington, D.C. – After the Project helped Domingo Alvarez obtain a U.S. visa, a human rights group arranged for him to travel from Tucson to Washington to speak to the OAS human rights commission.

Funds 2011 – again by the numbers

income carried over from 2010 \$ 9,998

[includes a \$4000 donation for the projected 2011 U.S. visit, an adjustment for 2 "insufficient funds" checks for purchases at events, and 2010 funds to be disbursed to the CPR in early 2011.]

2011 deposits – donations, textile sales, events \$14,028

total available income in U.S.: \$24,026

distributed in 2011 (includes 2010 last trimester) \$21,528

CPR – in Guatemala \$15,200

Guatemala, acct. management \$ 304

U.S. medicine / materials \$ 1,441

Fundraising/event/textile costs \$ 317

Tesorito support in Guatemala \$ 645 [Denver Justice & Peace]

designated patient support \$ 200

web hosting \$ 191

Guatemala U.S. visit expense \$ 3,230

balance on hand in the U.S. \$ 2,498

balance available for final trimester in Guatemala \$ 1,670

combined account total – \$ 4,168

Additional funds needed to complete 2011 and maintain \$500 balances in U.S. and Guatemala accounts: **\$ 2,500**