



Catholic Diocese of Spokane  
**Guatemala Mission Commission**

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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

On behalf of people in the Highlands of Solola, Guatemala, we would like to thank you for your prayers and financial donation to the Guatemala Mission this past year. Donations from your parish were directed to support the Radio Station Nawal Estereo.

Nawal Estereo continues to play an essential part to the people of the Highlands. Celebrating 53 years of operation, the radio station is staffed by local men and women, and operated by a Board of Directors. You can learn more about the radio station by going to this website:

<http://radionawalestereo.blogspot.com//> You can also listen to the radio station (live) on this website: [http://tunein.com/radio/Nawal-Est C3 A9reo-931-s143827](http://tunein.com/radio/Nawal-Est-C3-A9reo-931-s143827)

During our November mission trip, we met with the radio staff and had a tour of the station. Manuel, Director, reported that the station is basically self-supporting. They receive payment for broadcasting and for advertising, and, importantly, donations like yours! Their largest expense is keeping the old equipment (including computers) running. They need to purchase a new transmitter to replace a 20 year old one, which will cut the electric bill in half. Also, both of the station's cars are about 22 years old and need replacing.

Their visionary 2020 plan (100 pages) includes these objectives: 1) Use of Quiche and Kachi'kel, 2) Active participation of leaders, 3) Proper use of technology which serves the culture 4) Encouraging an integrated life – a fullness of life – with emphasis on Mother Earth

Staff members consider themselves to be missionaries because the station is a “mission radio station.” They were planning the anniversary of the station including a procession, marathon, and bicycle race.

They send their thankfulness to people in the Spokane Diocese for their support. They said, “The seed has not died,” and they are hoping for many more anniversaries.

We are prayerful that you will continue your support, and, possibly increase your donations. Due to inflation in Guatemala, the Guatemala Commission has increased the 2015-6 budget by 2% of last year's budget. Please continue to pray for our Guatemalan brothers and sisters in Christ as they pray for us! For more information, please visit our website at:

<http://dioceseofspokane.org/diocese-of-solola>

Sincerely,

Patt Perlman, Chairperson, and Donna Connell, Past Chair  
Spokane Diocese Guatemala Commission