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We're all home safe and sound, wiser and more determined. Regular duties have moved back on our lives. But as we agreed in our last meeting together in Guatemala, I am now writing us to elicit some sharing of our follow-up plans as fund-raisers.

From my notes I sense agreement that it would be helpful to put out a spectrum of groups in the US working for peace and justice for Guatemala and Nicaragua. Also, we wanted to be reminded of projects we heard of down there that need money, and identify ways of getting funds to them.

GUATEMALA

GAM, for instance, asked for a human rights office in Guatemala. What would be the vehicle and budget for that?

The Coke workers and emerging union coalition identified needs.

Then there were the churches, nuns working in the highlands with widows and children; the child-care indigenous centers like the one near Chichicastenango; the cultural (and organizing) center in Mexico City run mainly by indigenous Guatemala women like Francesca and Victoria.

The FUNDING EXCHANGE puts out a docket of Central American opportunities to give tax-deductibly.

US groups working on Guatemala brought forward by the meeting were: NISGUA (D.C.), OXFAM (Boston); PEACE for GUATEMALA (Phil); GNIB (SF); GRP (?), - and more general ones like WOLA and PACCA. Would you like to fill out this list, with whole names beyond acronyms, addresses, & additions?

NICARAGUA

For Nicaragua, as Debra Barry pointed out, there are a host of affinity groups going down to lend help (midwives, carpenters, agricultural experts, child care workers, artists, musicians, mechanics, scholars, in addition to the religious people who have been working since before the triumph). These, I find, are generally fund-raising among their professional confreres; we can tie into that.

My priority just now is to support the peace on the Rio Coco. For that, there is a fund-raising direct mail appeal from Indian Development (Roxanne Ortiz & Chocki's organizations). If you're not on the list to receive it, let me or Chocki know.