

BUILDING HOPE HEALING VILLAGES DISPLACED BY HURRICANE STAN

The Highland Support Project invites your participation in bringing hope to two Guatemalan communities suffering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Stan. The Quiche Maya villages of Xiabaj and Xolja had to abandon their homes and cemetery to relocate miles away onto a barren highland plateau. In addition to the material loss, the families are emotionally devastated and suffering high levels of depression and anxiety compounded by their continued insecurity about the future.

The Highland Support Project is organizing rebuilding teams to assist in the construction of homes, latrines, stoves, schools and community buildings for these communities. Additionally, we are looking for teams willing to participate in fellowship and moral support to help these families cope with their loss. We are realizing this through our Maya Arts Program to organize crafts and sports activities for the children, as well as through celebrations with visiting teams to raise the spirits.

Currently, the projected scale of the project is the construction of 100 homes, 135 stoves and latrines, a water collection system, two schools and an interfaith community outreach center.

We are in the process of organizing several Volunteers in Mission teams for the summer of 2006. Additional teams will be added in 2007. These are the current trip dates available to volunteers:

JULY 8 – 15
JULY 22 – 29
JULY 22 – 30
JULY 29 – AUG. 5

Stove building trips cost \$1,350.00, home construction trips are \$1,550.00. School and interfaith outreach center construction trips are \$2,550.00.

The Highland Support Project also has opportunities for longer-term service. Volunteers may stay and work in Guatemala for the entire summer (10 weeks) for only \$2,800 (\$100 less for each week under 10 weeks).

To join one of these teams, or for more information, contact the Highland Support Project at info@highlandsupportproject.org or 804-