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TO: ICA Centers in Lima, Santiago, Rio de Janeiro, Caracas,  
Mexico City, Madrid, Mezio, Brussels, Bombay, Nairobi,  
Cairo, New York, Chicago, Phoenix, Seattle, Toronto

FROM: ICA Guatemala

SUBJECT: Training, Inc. (TIPP, Talleres Intensivos de  
Preparación Profesional)

HOT OFF THE PRESS IN GUATEMALA! Enclosed are our newly-  
printed brochure and an executive summary of the Training,  
Inc. Proposal. These documents are for your information and  
to keep you informed.

We are working very hard to fund a \$100,000 per year budget,  
sending proposals all over the place. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY  
FOUNDATIONS THAT FUND PROJECTS IN LATIN AMERICA, PLEASE LET  
US KNOW WHAT CONTACTS YOU HAVE. Obviously, funding is the  
biggest challenge for us. There are nibbles from many  
sources, the best of which is with the Cámara de Industria  
and the Cámara Empresarial in Guatemala (AID money). The  
C.I. would furnish the propaganda, the people and MAYBE the  
place, and the C.E., the money for the pilot project to see  
if it's worth their trouble.

Wish us luck! Thanks for any help you can give. Also, we  
love to hear from you. It keeps our morale high and puts a  
light in our eyes.

Love from all of us in Guatemala,

Barbara Alerding

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to send thirteen of these teams to us in 1991. ICA: Guatemala is working with some 22 different village projects across Guatemala as well as 4 special villages involved in a revolving fund plan which we administer for USAID.

Both of us went to the U.S. in July to vacation with our relatives in Indiana and New England. Bill was in Chicago in August to participate in the creation of 4 introductory courses to the Earthwise Learning Series for ICA internationally. He also went to the ICA International Conference in Taipei, Taiwan in November to represent the Education Network and help prepare the next stages of the Earthwise curriculum to be used throughout the world.

It seems that each year becomes more intriguing than the previous one. There always is more to do than can possibly be done. This makes the idea of any kind of retirement seem like a very funny joke told to deaf people.

We leave you with this thought from John Naisbitt's Megatrends 2000: "Having vowed to make war and weapons of mass destruction obsolete, a renewed humanity begins the task of healing the environment. The dawn of this new epoch in history, this return to faith is the sign that we are prepared to embrace both sides of human nature. If the zeal of both religious fundamentalism and the New Age movement is at times extreme, perhaps they can be interpreted as part of a larger overall process that is very positive - the refusal to define life only in terms of science and technology. As the symbolic year 2000 approaches, humanity is not abandoning science, but through this religious revival, we are reaffirming the spiritual in what is now a more balanced quest to better our lives and those of our neighbors."

All this seems to make Christmas 1990 a very special one in our history. It is our fond hope that it also has a special meaning in your own personal history.

Bill and Barb Alerding

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