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Dear Friends of O.C.I.M.A.,

Another year is coming to a close and we thank you for your heart-felt generosity and kind remembrances of Father Nick. This is a landmark year for our friends in Guatemala because January 9<sup>th</sup> of 2012 marked the inauguration and blessing of the nursing school in Santa Elena. The invitation for this momentous event included the following simple advice for future students:

*CUIDAR AL ENFERMO COMO UNA MADRE, CUIDA A SU UNICO HIJO*

*(CARE FOR THE SICK AS A MOTHER CARES FOR HER ONLY SON)*

About 15 students began classes in January, and on November 16<sup>th</sup>, all students successfully completed their first full year of studies.

This is a significant step forward with far-reaching implications. The nursing school will produce many fine women and men who will be able to minister to their communities. But the school is also a source of inspiration. The mere presence of the nursing school – just a few steps away from the orphanage – has already impacted the girls at the orphanage. What seemed impossible or unattainable to the girls before does not seem so far-fetched now. There is hope for a better future.

The landscape is ever-changing in Guatemala and the focus in 2011 was to get the nursing school off the ground. But our other programs continue in full-force and are as important as ever.

Severe malnutrition is still a problem and it is heart-wrenching. We must not stop our shipments of nutritionally-packed meals to Guatemala. 2011 marked our 8<sup>th</sup> straight year for this important program. This is a costly and constant challenge and we count on your support.

There is continued emphasis on nutritional education through the clinic in Petén and the nutritional center in Morales. The clinic is still a haven for those who are unable to afford good medical care. In 2011, the three doctors who staffed the clinic, as well as other specialists who visit each month, had over 30,000 consultations. There is an ongoing request for additional high-tech medical equipment. If you have a connection and would like to find out more about this, please contact anyone on the Board. You can contact us by e-mail at [info@ocimaya.org](mailto:info@ocimaya.org).

We continue to support young men and women at the school in Santa Rosa. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> class of teachers we've graduated and the 7<sup>th</sup> class who have graduated with a specialty in tourism and hotel management. Our residences there currently house about 40 young women.

We also have 37 girls at the orphanage who count on our support.

As you may know, we also provide assistance in Ecuador. This is where OCIMA actually found its roots. The need in Ecuador is not as great, but there are still some voids that we are able to fill there. The assistance is greatly appreciated and helps in the development of micro-coops and the provision of medical services to the poor in Southern Quito who could not otherwise afford it.

I join with the people of Guatemala and Ecuador in taking this one very special time of year to tell you how grateful we are. There are no words to express what a huge difference you're making in this small part of the world. Peace to all of you and warmest wishes for health and happiness in the coming year.

Maria Curreri  
OCIMA President

### FINANCIAL REPORT — 2011

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

|                                   |            |
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| Donations in 2011: <sup>1</sup>   | \$ 178,741 |
| Distribution from Endowment Fund: | 5,417      |
| Carryover from 2010:              | 815        |

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| <b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b> | \$ 184,973 |
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PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS:

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| 1. GSFEP (Ecuador) – Cooperatives, campesino bank, hospital for the poor  | \$ 17,000 |
| 2. School in Chapas, Santa Rosa   | 37,500    |
| 3. Nutritional Center in Morales  | 25,000    |
| 4. Clinic, Orphanage and Senior Care Center in Santa Elena and Poptún     | 52,000    |
| 5. Nursing School   | 20,000    |
| 6. Purchase and packing of specially formulated food for the malnourished | 27,000    |

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| <b>TOTAL PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS:</b> | \$ 178,500 |
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EXPENSES:

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| 1. Filming and production of DVD | \$ 6,000 |
| 2. Other <sup>2</sup>            | 1,086    |

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| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES:<sup>3</sup></b>         | \$ 7,086   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES &amp; DISBURSEMENTS:</b> | \$ 185,586 |

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| <u>CARRYFORWARD TO 2012:</u> | \$ (613) |
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<sup>1</sup> Includes a special one-time donation of \$6,000 to film and produce DVD.

<sup>2</sup> P.O. box fees, postage, envelopes, auditor, and bank fees.

<sup>3</sup> Total expenses were 3.83% of total funds available for 2011. Exclusive of DVD, the expense ratio was 0.61%.