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Dear Supporter of Atzin,

Atzin continues to gain momentum after fourteen years of intense work in the mountains of northern Guerrero, Mexico. Thank you for your generous support of Atzin in Tlamacazapa. With your help, life has improved for many people. Tlamacazapa has many problems, so solutions are not simple or straightforward. The villagers have guided the development of our programs in health, education, income generation and environment, water and sanitation. Let me tell you about our progress -- enclosed is a summary of our recent work that your donations have helped to fund.

In the education sector, for example, Atzin administers thirty scholarships, of which nine are for women who are studying outside Tlamacazapa, far from the familiarity of home. In their words,

I am a person with many fears.... I am not yet strong. I need to grow more as a person and to learn to solve my own problems, and not to depend on others.... Sometimes I think, "What am I doing here? What will become of me? Is this what I really want?" Yet I know that I am the only one who can answer these questions. (Celia, 21 years old, first semester, Administration, Sept. 2011).

I am studying early childhood education; it is a wonderful specialty. Each child is a world to discover.... I am learning how to be with the children and how to teach them values that have been disappearing, because children are the future of this country, to have a country without violence. (Irene, 22 years old, second year, Early Childhood Education, Sept. 2011).

Your donation allows Celia, Irene and many others to continue their education and also contributes to programs for the betterment of their village. Thanks again for your important support of Atzin during 2011. It would be wonderful if you can help again with a year-end donation. We'll keep the books open until 15 January 2012, so if your donation is dated 31 December 2011 or earlier, we will be pleased to send you a 2011 donation receipt.

In Canada, you can donate by mailing a cheque made out to "Atzin" to 27 Wilton Crescent, Ottawa ON K1S 2T4. Or, online at <http://www.atzin.org/>. Click under "Get Involved" and choose "Canada Helps." In turn, our commitment is that donations are well used -- directly on programming, directly on the people who need it most.

Thank you again and warmest greetings of the season from the heart of Mexico,

Susan Smith, Executive Director
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P.S. We hope that you enjoy the enclosed summary of Atzin's work in Tlamacazapa. We couldn't have done all this without your help.

P.P.S. If you would like us to keep in touch with you by email, please let us know at kship@web.ca. Thank you again.