



Pastoral Social / Obispado de San Marcos
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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Institutions,

Greetings of joy and peace from San Marcos!

This report is our response to the confidence you placed in us by sending sums of money to enable us to do the work we planned after Hurricane Stan. In general, we are satisfied with the programmes that we managed to carry out thanks to your spontaneous gestures of solidarity with the people in our diocese who were most neglected after the hurricane.

In the name of the people who have benefited, we want to thank you for your generosity and for all the efforts that many of you made to collect money for us. Our role has been to administer your money faithfully, aware of the confidence you placed in the Diocese of San Marcos.

We are grateful to the poorest communities who, sharing the little they had, came to the rescue of their neighbours immediately after the event, for all the help we received from inside Guatemala and to our friends and institutions from abroad. We also want to take advantage of this report to thank the workers of the Pastoral Social for all their efforts, for dedicating so many extra hours, week-ends and sleepless nights to carry out the emergency work at great cost to their families as well as themselves.

The information in this report is not exhaustive but to write in more detail would have used up a lot of ink and paper and would have incurred disproportionate expense for the postage. If anyone would like a fuller report, please get in touch with us.

We have tried not to do the work of the State but rather, as Pope Benedict VI says: “to ask those who have political responsibility and exercise economic and financial power to promote development based on the dignity of every human being”.

We are continuing in our work, always looking to the future with hope, inspired by the gospel and the person of Jesus: “I have come that you may have life, life in abundance”. This was the guide to our policies during the emergency.

There is still a lot to do. We have now ended the emergency phase of our work but there are structures in the Department of San Marcos which are preventing the development of the most impoverished communities. The Pastoral Social is intent on bringing about structural change.

With our warmest wishes,
Yours sincerely,

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