

# A Testament to Hope:

## The Struggle to End Violence in Guatemala- Yesterday and Today

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Those who committed the atrocities of the past continue their reign of terror through political power, violence, and economic inequalities. In the first six months of 2002, there were more attacks on human rights defenders than in all of 2000 and 2001 combined. As this frightening increase in violence continues to escalate, it becomes more important that we provide a presence to those working to promote justice in Guatemala.

- **MEET** with organizations that have witnessed first-hand the impunity in Guatemala, **SPEAK** with human rights workers who have received threats and acts of intimidation, and **LEARN** why they've turned to NISGUA accompaniment for help
- **VISIT** a community torn apart by a massacre that is fighting against the odds to bring the perpetrators to justice
- **LEARN** how violence in Guatemala is connected to political and economic structures.
- **TALK** with representatives from the Association for Justice and Reconciliation, which has helped more than 20 Mayan communities bring charges of genocide against 2 former dictators, one of whom—Efraín Rios Montt—is currently President of Congress and one of the most powerful and repressive powers in Guatemala.
- Receive **UP-TO-DATE** and **FACE-TO-FACE** information on the current situation in Guatemala and learn what you can do to help!

Join NISGUA for this extraordinary opportunity and experience it all first-hand!  
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