

Zonta Project Report, August 2008  
**Lucia's Letter and Teacher Training Workshops**  
GRACE Program Director: Dr. Genelle G. Grant

I. Progress in accomplishing goals.

As of August 20, 2008, we have accomplished all of the goals that we described in our contract letter, and we encountered no obstacles.

- We produced the second edition of Lucia's Letter with a Study Guide in late January '08.
- We distributed 125 Lucia's Letter CDs and Guides to Catholic Relief Services in Guatemala City on February 19 and
- We distributed 60 copies to Mayan women in Southwest Florida in April and May 2008.
- We distributed 25 copies of Lucia's Letter CDs and Guides and delivered the Training of Trainers for fifteen Guatemalan master teachers and an intensive two-day workshop for 110 more educators at the Rigoberta Menchú Foundation in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala on July 25, 28 and 29, 2008.

II. Expenditure of Zonta Grant funds of \$5000.

1. Production and duplication of Lucia's Letter and its delivery to Guatemala: \$ 3245.33.
2. Teacher Training at Rigoberta Menchú Foundation, Guatemala: \$ 3778.00.
3. **Total Project Costs were: \$ 7023.33.** This includes the American Airlines tickets donated by Genelle Grant, valued at \$1688. Other expenses were covered by sales of the Mayan crafts for the GRACE Program.

III. Number of women's lives affected by this Project.

1. We gave over 200 copies of Lucia's Letter to administrators, teachers and Mayan women in Guatemala and Southwest Florida and discussed it at length in the Teachers' Training in July.
2. For the 125 distributed by Catholic Relief Services in Central America, we estimate that at least 20 listened to each one = **2500 women and girls.**
3. For the 60 copies given to Guatemalan women living in Southwest Florida, at least five female relatives listened to each one = **300 women and girls.**
4. In the July trip to Guatemala, 125 educators heard the Letter, 60 of whom were women. 25 copies were also given away, with at least 20 female listeners each = **60 + 500 = 650 women and girls**, plus countless men and male students.
5. **3850 women and girls** have had the opportunity to hear and discuss the information in Lucia's Letter. However, the reality is that many hundreds more will share this CD and the message it carries. In the discussion with the 125 educators at the San Lucas Workshop, some women stated that they had considered emigrating to the U.S., but that after hearing this Letter, they would rather stay in Guatemala and work in the school system, for themselves as well as the young women they teach.
6. The impact of new information for 125 Guatemalan teachers is immense. If each teacher informs 40 students a year for the next ten years, the reach of this Project could be  $125 \times 40 \times 10 = 50,000$  students.
7. The Rigoberta Menchú Foundation will be reproducing and distributing the Letter. This organization reaches thousands of Mayan and rural citizens and the impact will be extensive in central and northwestern Guatemala.

IV. Photographs

Photographs of the workshop at the Rigoberta Menchú Foundation will soon be available. We will gladly share them with the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva.

Thank you so very much for supporting these projects. *Genelle G. Grant*