

prayer for the *poor*



**... from every tribe
and language and
people and nation** REV. 5:9



We look forward to the day when people from all ethnic groups will be united in praise before the Lamb on the throne.

Today minority ethnic groups, or indigenous peoples, make up about one third of the world's 900 million extremely poor, and they speak some 4,000 lesser-known languages. *

“Indigenous peoples remain on the margins of society: they are poorer, less educated, die at a younger age, are much more likely to commit suicide, and are generally in worse health than the rest of the population.” **

* International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

**"The Indigenous World 2006"

Local ethnic organizations are changing their communities through word and deed development programs. They need long-term partners as they address deep-rooted problems.

In Guatemala CRWRF supports:

COMEBI, a municipally based literacy organization, working in 35 public schools to promote a variety of literacy books, including bible studies and portions of scripture translated into the Mam language.

The **Ruth Association** is a Christian women's association active in development projects, community bible studies in the Mam language, small loan projects, social assistance for widows and orphans, and new programs for children and youth.

CRWRF Partner in Guatemala:

The Saq B'e Association strengthens the administrative and organizational capacity of both of these indigenous organizations, helping them to become more self-reliant.





CRWRF Best Practice:

CRWRF supports the training of local leaders so that, as the Gospel transforms them, they can work to reform their own culture.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS - ESTHER 8:1-10

Why was it important to write the edict in all different languages? If that was important, think how important it is to have the word of God written in all languages!

PRAY FOR

-  Growth in the local leaders' capacity to manage the programs of COMEBI and the Ruth Association
-  God's Spirit to work in the hearts of Guatemala's Mam people who now hear the Scriptures in their own language
-  Saq B'e Association workers; that they have wisdom and cultural sensitivity as they train and support Mam leaders
-  Effective word and deed ministries of Christian First Nation leaders, mission workers, and churches in Native-Canadian communities