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**Here is this month’s program:**

**August 2018**

**“A New Dawn for Guatemala?”**

by Glen Anderson, producer and host of the TV series “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives”

The August 2018 episode of “Glen’s Parallax Perspectives” informs us about an interesting and inspiring community in Guatemala where refugees from the previous dictatorship have settled into a new community. These people are empowering themselves at the grassroots to meet their needs for education, clean water, social justice and democracy.

About 300-400 people live in Nuevo Amanecer, the Spanish words for “New Dawn.” The community was founded in 1998 by refugees who had fled the genocide and “scorched-earth” campaign of the 1980s and 1990s. The U.S. funded and trained Guatemala’s brutal military to commit those crimes.

In early June 2018 a volcano erupted, so now the world’s people noticed Guatemala. But this was only brief and superficial awareness. The brutal realities in Guatemala had long existed, but the rest of the world paid little attention.

Now the “New Dawn” community of Nuevo Amanecer is making bold grassroots progress for self-empowerment and social justice. This one-hour interview provides inspiring information about this innovative community.

Our guest, Joe Szwaja, volunteers with New Dawn Guatemala, a Seattle-based non-profit organization that supports Nuevo Amanecer financially, through solidarity and in other ways. Joe and the Guatemalan community inspire us through their bold and positive efforts. Joe has worked skillfully as a high school teacher and has done other positive work to make our world a better place.

He has a long, impressive background volunteering for solidarity related to international communities struggling for peace, human rights and democracy. I interviewed him for my August 2005 TV program about the SW Pacific Ocean nation of East Timor, which had been violently abused by Indonesia and the U.S. (See the end of this typed summary for a link so you can watch the 2005 interview about East Timor.)

**Basic information about Nuevo Amanecer**

Joe told us about the community of Nuevo Amanecer and how it came into being. Guatemala had enjoyed almost ten years of democracy from 1945 to 1954, but the U.S. helped Guatemala’s military overthrow their democracy – violently and brutally – and install a sequence of brutal dictatorships that persisted for decades.

Joe said that in the 1970s and 1980s a very strong grassroots movement arose in Guatemala to democratize the nation, bring back the reforms that had occurred from 1945 to 1954, provide land for local farmers, and provide social justice for the indigenous people who comprised a majority of Guatemala’s population.

Guatemala’s government and military opposed democracy and social justice, so they repressed the people horribly, took away their lands, and left them starving. The Guatemalan government and military committed these horrible crimes during the 1980s and 1990s with the full support and funding and training by the U.S. government. The U.S. helped Guatemala’s military commit genocide and a “scorched-earth” policy of trying to totally destroy the population and the countryside, because some opponents of the dictatorship lived there. The U.S. helped Guatemala’s dictatorship commit horrible violence against citizens who were supporting the grassroots movement for social justice movement.

The dictatorships repressed the people so horribly and slaughtered so many that many of the survivors had to flee the country during that time. Many became refugees in southern Mexico. Some stayed there for 10 or more years – and some for 17 years – until they could safely return to Guatemala. While in Mexico, people from various parts of Guatemala met each other and recognized that they shared the same ideals for social justice and democracy. After Guatemala’s civil war finally ended, the 1996 Peace Accords started to allow healing.

After that, some of these refugees moved back to Guatemala and in 1998 created a community where they could live together and practice their humane ideals. They named their small town Nuevo Amanecer, which means “New Dawn.” It is a democratically run, social justice oriented community, a small town of about 300-400 persons. The community’s residents had originated years before from all over Guatemala, and they are making a new life together now.

**Basic information about New Dawn Guatemala, a Seattle-based non-profit**

**organization that works in solidarity with the community**

Their community receives some help from a Seattle-based non-profit organization called “New Dawn Guatemala” ([www.newdawnguatemala.org](http://www.newdawnguatemala.org)), which is named after the Guatemala community’s name. It was founded in 2013 and works in solidarity with Nuevo Amanecer. The Seattle-based non-profit group provides funding for projects and activities that Nuevo Amanecer’s democratic decision-making process determines are their highest priorities. New Dawn Guatemala has mostly funded scholarships and job training for young people who otherwise could not afford it, as well as a clean water system, their yearly anniversary event which celebrates their return from exile in July of 1998, and a few other things. More projects are possible for the future.

New Dawn Guatemala is a registered charity with the State of Washington and hold a federal 501(c)3 status for tax-deductible donations.

Glen expressed appreciation for New Dawn Guatemala’s egalitarian approach to solidarity, rather than a “top-down” “we-know-what’s-best-for-your” model.

**We showed a short new video about Nuevo Amanecer**

Glen introduced a video produced by the Seattle-based non-profit organization New Dawn Guatemala that allows people in Nuevo Amanecer to tell their own story. The video is short (only 18 minutes and 14 seconds), and it is informative and inspiring.

The producers worked very closely with the people there to create the video. Most of this video features local people there speaking for themselves (with English subtitles). Glen expressed appreciation that the video expressed the people’s positive attitude and forward-looking vision. The people know how hard their past has been, and they show strong determination to build a better future. Joe agreed that the people are very resilient and their community’s name (“New Dawn”) conveys their vision. He said they wanted to create this video opportunity for the people to tell their own story.

Also, the video includes a faculty member from the University of Washington providing some historical context. The people appreciate their decade of democracy and their presidents Arevalo and his successor Arbenz (1945-1954).

**We summarized the historical context and why Guatemala needs this**

Glen expressed appreciation for the scholar’s historical context for the situation in Guatemala. Joe provided further information to help us understand the historical context for the community’s origin, the people, and their needs. He said thousands of local communities throughout Guatemala had been struggling for democracy and social justice in the ‘70s, ‘80s and ‘90s. The people wanted to make change peacefully and democratically, but Guatemala’s government tried hard to stamp that out. The government used massive violence against the people in order to make sure a few very rich people could own the land and dominate the nation and maintain their own power and privileges. The government slaughtered the people. He said the United Nations declared the government’s effort was an attempt at cultural genocide.

Many, many people had to flee for their lives after the government and military had killed their family members and threatened the survivors’ lives. This was true of the people who later formed Nuevo Amanecer and also the hard reality for many, many other people throughout Guatemala. Some people became refugees elsewhere in Guatemala, and others fled the country altogether, especially settling in the Chiapas region of southern Mexico. This was difficult for the people.

The people who later returned and founded Nuevo Amanecer were fortunate in finding other Guatemalan refugees in Chiapas who shared their values. They also met a Catholic priest who shared their values. They took advantage of some of the positive aspects of the 1996 Peace Accords, such as the opportunity to get some land. The agricultural potential of that land was not great – really usable only for coffee and bananas – but they worked hard with this land so it produced.

Joe also explained that although the people did not have much materially, they did have a shared commitment to democracy and social justice. This is what has really motivated the people to work together while they were in exile and create the community in 1998 when they returned, and this also has kept the community together since then.

Glen said that their sufferings should give insights to people within the U.S. about the people from Central American nations that are fleeing violence, oppression, and threats to their lives – all valid reasons for seeking asylum or refugee status in the U.S. Glen gave the example of Honduras, from which many people are coming to the U.S. as refugees. Nearly a decade ago the U.S. supported the coup that overthrew Honduras’s democracy. The coup was conducted by Honduras’s business elite and military. They kidnapped the elected president and overthrew Honduras’s democracy in violation of international law. The Organization of American States unanimously denounced it. But President Obama and his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton supported it. For nearly a decade now, Honduras’s military and police have been murdering journalists, environmentalists, labor organizers, human rights defenders and other people – with the blessing of the U.S. government. At the end of this document you can see a link to watch a TV interview I conducted soon after the coup. Trump’s U.S. is blatantly violating international law by denying people’s right to seek asylum and refugee status here. Trump is sending some of those people back to their countries of origin where they will almost certainly be murdered. These dangers exist in a number of countries besides Honduras.

New Dawn Guatemala ([www.newdawnguatemala.org](http://www.newdawnguatemala.org)) is a relatively new Seattle-based non-profit organization that works in solidarity with the democratically run, social justice oriented community of Nuevo Amanecer. New Dawn Guatemala works to fund whatever Nuevo Amanecer has determined are their highest priorities. So far they have mostly funded scholarships and job training for young people who otherwise could not afford it, as well as a clean water system, their yearly anniversary event which celebrates their return from exile in July of 1998 and a few projects.

Joe said that the people’s commitment to democracy and social justice allows them to develop and sustain Nuevo Amanecer, and our solidarity helps. We discussed the scholarship program next.

**Nuevo Amanecer’s scholarship programs serve children, teens, young adults**

The video celebrated the support for children’s education. Joe explained why kids need scholarships after age 12 and the need for educational opportunities so they can get better jobs than merely work at dead-end unskilled jobs with banana and coffee trees.

Nuevo Amanecer and New Dawn Guatemala work together to improve young people’s educational opportunities, so Joe said these young people do not flee their community, even though in other communities where education and jobs are lacking, young people do move away.

Joe said that people of all ages in Nuevo Amanecer and in other communities that are committed to social justice do have a meaningful say over all aspects of their local communities, so this self-empowerment allows them to stay and improve their lives. Local people in this community discuss who is most in need of the scholarship help, and the discussions are fair and democratic. Different committees discuss this and many other matters. Women created a committee to work on issues that are important to them. They have a committee that works on their clean water system (which we discussed a few minutes later). And so forth. With this kind of direct democracy – a direct say over every aspect of their local community – people can stay in their local communities and meet their needs.

The scholarships and job training funded by New Dawn Guatemala serve children after age 12 and young adults. After age 12, schooling entails costs for uniforms, tuition, books, transportation, and so forth. Most families cannot afford those costs, so without the necessary money, kids would have to drop out of school. Since 2013 funding from New Dawn Guatemala has paid for those costs for the kids who need it the most, so they can continue through the local high school.

Our solidarity has also been paying some of the costs for older kids and young adults to attend vocational and technical schools at a nearby town. Wages in coffee and banana farming are very low. Joe said New Dawn Guatemala has paid for education and training so now some young people have become nursing assistants, nurses, motorcycle mechanics, graphics designers, and other career pathways that pay living wages so they can earn decent livings. Otherwise they would be stuck in very low-paying dead-end jobs in the coffee and banana fields.

Glen highlighted the video’s strong support for children’s education. This is a positive value for any community. Communities that support education create better futures locally. The scholarships also give hope and directions and options to teenagers. Now they share success stories of their friends who have gotten better jobs because of scholarships.

Joe told about an older man who told him what a huge difference it is for young people to have hope for their futures. He said that a few years ago they were filming young people talking about their successes with the scholarships and the better jobs they were able to get because of them. After the filming, one of the older people said that – even as important as the scholarships and the jobs and the income are – perhaps even more important is the hope engendered by the scholarships from our solidarity. He said young people did not have positive visions of their futures, but now kids share good news of other young people who have gone on to the university and others who have gotten good jobs as nurses, motorcycle mechanics and graphics designers. Now the community has two nurses. Joe said that one young person wants to study to become a doctor, and that this never would have happened before. He affirmed how wonderful it is that young people have more options and more hope now.

Joe mentioned that all of us consider this to be solidarity rather than charity. Each kid’s education does not cost much – only about $240-$250 per year – so whatever we can donate here goes a long way there. Any amount helps. Some people give annually, and others give monthly.

People can donate through the website, [www.newdawnguatemala.org](http://www.newdawnguatemala.org) or mail checks to:

New Dawn Guatemala

c/o Tim Shepard, Treasurer

7525 14th Ave SW

Seattle WA 98106

This summary of the interview
continues on the next page.

**Nuevo Amanecer’s other programs: clean water and more**

The video mentioned the clean water program. Glen said that many places in the world lack clean water, and this is vital for the community’s well-being. Joe explained that New Dawn Guatemala’s solidarity work supports Nuevo Amanecer’s clean water program. He said the community is near the border with Mexico, and the climate is extremely hot and humid. There was a lack of clean water.

A Catholic priest and some other supporters had created a community well in the community’s early years, but the well fell into disrepair. Joe said that when New Dawn Guatemala started working with the community in 2013, they had access to clean water only two hours every other day. He said they got a grant from Seattle’s Rotary Club – and a partnering grant from a Rotary Club in Guatemala – so the community could hire an indigenous Guatemalan water engineer, and together with him, the community was able to repair the well so it provides clean water 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The community is growing, so in order to prepare to provide water for a growing population, they want to buy some property nearby that has a spring on it. The community is doing most of the fundraising for that, and New Dawn Guatemala is helping.

The TV program I produced for March 2015 focused on “Friendly Water for the World,” an Olympia-based organization that works to help people in poor nations provide their own clean drinking water. They have a solidarity-based orientation, rather than top-down, so they train people to create their own local low-tech remedy with local materials.

The process is to cast a concrete shell in which gradations of gravel and sand filter out nearly 100% of impurities. These “bio-sand water filters” have no moving parts, no high tech components, and no energy needed. Therefore, once the people know how to do it, they can do it for themselves and share the method with other communities. Visit the website for “Friendly Water for the World” at [www.friendlywater.net](http://www.friendlywater.net). To watch the interview or read about it, visit [www.olympiafor.org/tv\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm), and scroll down to March 2015.

**How Nuevo Amanecer empowers people at the grassroots**

Nuevo Amanecer practices self-government in a very grassrootsy way that empowers the people to meet their needs. Their understanding of democracy and social justice requires community participation, so they have committees working to sustain their clean water system, as we said. They have a women’s committee and a committee to figure out who is most deserving of receiving the scholarships. They figure out how to identify other projects that need work. Almost everybody in the community serves on at least one committee.

They also organize an annual celebration of the community’s origins and values. Initially, the older people who had experienced the trauma and exile first-hand would tell the story. But the community realized that in order for their history to be sustainable, the younger people would have to learn and tell it, so now during their annual celebration, young people tell about the community’s origin.

Joe and a few other Seattle area supporters are going to Nuevo Amanecer in July 2018 to help them celebrate their community’s 20th anniversary.

Most of the people are grounded in Liberation Theology and the progressive wing of the Catholic Church. They understand that economic sharing is a necessary part of what Jesus taught and practiced. The community would like to develop relationships with one or a few churches in the U.S. that support social justice, so Joe said anyone watching this interview who might be interested in exploring the possibility can contact New Dawn Guatemala for more information.

Many of the community’s middle-aged and older residents had suffered from Guatemala’s government especially because the people had been working for women’s rights, peasants’ rights, and so forth. Also, during the civil war, some of the people had taken up guns – as a very last resort – to protect themselves as guerrillas to protect themselves and their communities from the Guatemalan government. Now some of the former guerrillas have been incorporated into this community. The community has a done a good job of integrating people to create a better future.

Some former combatants were offered land as part of the Peace Accords in 1996 (after a 36-year civil war), but that land is not good, and it’s remote from the town. But they were not given access to credit, seeds, equipment, etc. The government’s implementation of the 1996 Peace Accords has not been anywhere near adequate.

This is why they need solidarity and help from us. Our efforts are not charity, but rather reparations after all the abuse that the U.S. has done to Guatemala over the decades. New Dawn Guatemala maintains a close and productive working relationship with the community so we know our help is being used appropriately.

**Nuevo Amanecer is a great model that could be replicated elsewhere**

Nuevo Amanecer’s community has a unique origin by being created by people from various parts of Guatemala who bonded with each other while in exile in Mexico. Nevertheless, the people’s strong commitment to grassroots social and economic justice and community organizing is an exciting model that might be replicated elsewhere.

Glen mentioned that in Thurston County WA, our local people have a sister-community relationship that is people-to-people (rather than government-to-government) with Santo Tomás, a community in Nicaragua’s Chontales region. The Thurston-Santo Tomás Sister County Association (TSTSCA) has persisted since 1988 with a mutually appreciative relationship of solidarity. We conduct exchanges back and forth, and local people here provide financial support for the projects and activities that the committee there has prioritized. The people of Santo Tomás still embody the spirit of the Sandinista movement that that had removed Nicaragua’s dictator, whom the U.S. government had been supporting. For information see [www.oly-wa.us/tstsca](http://www.oly-wa.us/tstsca) Our relationship has some similarities to this Guatemalan relationship. See more information at the end of the document you’re reading.

Nuevo Amanecer has been such a success that it seems to be a good model for other local communities to replicate.

**Possible future projects in Nuevo Amanecer**

Although the community’s population is only a few hundred persons, many of their people are actively organizing. Even with this small number of residents, they are exploring possibilities for future projects. Joe mentioned that they might create a museum or a center for historical truth and learning so people could come and learn about the people’s history of struggle and accomplishments. This could include overnight accommodations so people could learn more in depth. They could also welcome more visitors to enjoy their annual celebration and music. This could generate some income for the community.

They are also considering buying some more land with a spring that could provide an additional source of water.

Another vision is to connect with social-justice-oriented religious communities in the U.S.

Glen expressed the hope that people watching this interview will support the Seattle-based non-profit organization, New Dawn Guatemala ([www.newdawnguatemala.org](http://www.newdawnguatemala.org)), as a way to express solidarity and support for Nuevo Amanecer.

**The Seattle-based non-profit organization New Dawn Guatemala needs our help**

Joe has worked hard in a number of ways to make the world a better place. I met Joe when we were preparing for a TV interview in 2005 regarding East Timor. (See the end of this document for information and a link to watch that interview.) Joe said he had extensive previous knowledge of Latin American history and recently studied up further on Guatemala and learned much more about the horrible suffering the people had experienced for decades. Those people refused to give up, despite repression and torture. Their values and resiliency enabled them to build a new community for social justice.

He felt compelled to help these Guatemalan people solve the problems and work for social justice. He said that with a modest amount of money we could help them repair the damage that the U.S. government had caused there.

Since 2013 the Seattle-based non-profit organization New Dawn Guatemala ([www.newdawnguatemala.org](http://www.newdawnguatemala.org)) has been providing practical financial help for the community in Guatemala, based on respect and solidarity. This works well because the community of Nuevo Amanecer is democratically run and social justice oriented. The people share their resources so well that our help really accomplishes good results. He said he feels honored to work with these amazing people. They have great hope for the future. He admires their values and their bravery.

New Dawn Guatemala works to fund what they have prioritized as most important for benefiting their community. Their main efforts have funded scholarships and job training for young people who otherwise could not afford it, their clean water system, and their yearly anniversary event celebrating their return from exile in July 1998. They have funded a few other projects and look forward to more.

New Dawn Guatemala is an all-volunteer organization, except for rare occasions when they need to pay for some specific tasks. They work efficiently to promote equitable, ecologically friendly development and educational advancement in the rural Guatemalan Community of Nuevo Amanecer ("New Dawn" in Spanish) and the surrounding region. New Dawn Guatemala is a registered charity with the State of Washington and holds federal 501(c)3 status.

People can help by subscribing to their newsletter, “liking” it on Facebook, and donating to this tax-deductible organization. Subscribe to the newsletter at this link:

<https://www.newdawnguatemala.org/get-involved.html>

Donate Guatemala online or mail a check to:

**New Dawn Guatemala
c/o Tim Shepard, Treasurer
7525 14th Ave SW
Seattle WA 98106**

They are looking for a church in the U.S. to link up with.

They are looking for people who have skills (e.g., a dentist) who could help there.

This is not “charity” but rather solidarity. We need to repair the damage. We learn a lot from them.

Again, here is their contact information:

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**Closing encouragement:**

Glen thanked Joe Szwaja for being our guest for this interview – and also for his skillful work with people in Guatemala. Glen also thanked the viewers who have watched this interview.

For decades the U.S. government’s foreign policy has promoted violence and cruelty in many parts of the world. That returns to us in several ways, including what the CIA refers to as “blowback” (terrorism), and also the flood of refugees whose lives are at risk in their home countries because of what the U.S. has been doing there.

Now an additional source of suffering is the Trump regime’s cruelty and abuse of people seeking refuge from suffering. Both international law – and U.S. law – provide the right of people to come here seeking asylum as refugees.

Even while decent Americans push back against Trump’s cruelty and lawbreaking, we also need to help people in other countries improve their safety and well-being at home so they won’t need to flee those dangers and abuses. All of these problems are interconnected.

The people living in Nuevo Amanecer are an inspiration to people who live everywhere else – including in so-called “developed” countries – because they practice “bottom-up” grassroots self-empowerment. We need “bottom-up” democracy in the U.S. and in other “developed” countries where economic and political elites dominate and abuse us. Wouldn’t it be exciting to create more self-empowerment to meet our social and economic needs? We need to learn from these dedicated Guatemalans.

I appreciate the efforts of the Seattle-based non-profit organization New Dawn Guatemala, which supports the spirit of Nuevo Amanecer and also their practical efforts. New Dawn Guatemala practices solidarity, rather than “charity.” We need to repair the damage the U.S. has caused to their country, and we need to support their efforts in genuine solidarity.

I encourage people to support:

**New Dawn Guatemala:**

**7525 14th Ave SW
Seattle WA 98106**[**www.newdawnguatemala.org**](http://www.newdawnguatemala.org) **(206) 523-3278**

**We mentioned previous TV interviews. Watch them through your computer:**

* I interviewed Joe Szwaja for my August 2005 TV program about the SW Pacific Ocean nation of East Timor, which had been violently attacked by Indonesia with support by the U.S. The U.S. (through President Ford and Henry Kissinger) was complicit in Indonesia’s extremely violent attacks on East Timor, but almost no Americans know about it. To watch our informative TV interview, visit [www.olympiafor.org/tv\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm), and scroll down to **August 2005: East Timor**
* When we talked about Nuevo Amanecer’s project of improving their safe drinking water, I mentioned another project that accomplishes this in a different way. Friendly Water for the World ([www.friendlywater.net](http://www.friendlywater.net)) is an Olympia-based non-profit organization that trains people worldwide to make “bio-sand water filters” that are extremely low-tech and extremely effective. I interviewed some local participants for my March 2015 TV program. To watch this TV interview – and/or to read information I typed up in Word or .pdf format – visit [www.olympiafor.org/tv\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm) and scroll down to [**March 2015 Clean Drinking Water: Global Problems and Local Solutions**](http://youtu.be/lba1wHx3QcA) **(**[**Word**](http://www.olympiafor.org/Program%20Description%20--%20March%202015.docx)**) (**[**pdf**](http://www.olympiafor.org/Program%20Description%20--%20March%202015.pdf)**)**
* When we discussed how Nuevo Amanecer is a great model of grassroots empowerment with solidarity support from volunteers in the U.S., I mentioned the decades-long sister community relationship that volunteers in Thurston County WA have with Santo Tomás, a community in the Chontales part of Nicaragua. This is a people-to-people solidarity relationship, rather than government-to-government. The Thurston-Santo Tomás Sister County Association has persisted productively since 1988. Info: [www.oly-wa.us/tstsca](http://www.oly-wa.us/tstsca) I interviewed volunteers in early 1987 about a possible activity that led to the relationship. That March 1987 TV program was the second episode of the series I produced and hosted for the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation. I interviewed some different volunteers for the November 2011 episode. To watch this on your computer and/or read information about the interview that I typed into .pdf format, visit [www.olympiafor.org/tv\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm), and scroll down to **November 2011:** [**Decades of Solidarity with Santo Tomás, Nicaragua**](http://youtu.be/7qDMO80K0Bw) **(**[**pdf info**](http://www.olympiafor.org/Program%20Description%20--%20November%202011.pdf)**)**

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**We can create a better world, but we all have to work at it.**

**The world needs whatever you can do to help!**