

# Bachajón Mission

(Current Needs: \$425,000 See each area for financial details and project information)

Our Bachajón Mission serves a 2,175 square mile region that stretches into 5 municipal territories, with 622 communities and over 200,000 indigenous and mestizo people in the northern highlands of Chiapas Mexico.

## **Mission**

That the Tzeltal people of the Bachajón Mission achieve the political, economic and cultural autonomy they need to have a dignified, multicultural and peaceful life, in accordance with the Good News announced by Jesus.

## **Vision**

Accompany and strengthen the Tzeltal communities of the region, especially young people, through the defense, promotion and dissemination of their rights, language and culture, in collaboration with the Diocese of San Cristóbal de las Casas.

## **Values**

RESPECT | SERVICE | INDIVIDUAL HARMONY | COLLECTIVE HARMONY |  
LIVE THE STRENGTH OF OUR HEART

For over 60 years, the mission has accompanied the Tzeltal and Mestizos people of the region in developing an organized structure to cultivate good life, wholeness in the community, and peace in the region. This vision is reflected in the structure of the mission and integrated teams that lead the projects.

## **Mission Teams and Areas**

### **(1)Yomol Ch'uhunel (The Native Catholic Church) [Link to document]**

The Native Catholic Church is the social foundation of the Mission which grounds the organizational structure and accompanies the community's development and collaboration.

## **Projects:**

1. Spiritual and Cultural development of youth
2. Diaconate formation and Theological Baccalaureate for Indigenous Church leadership
3. Formation of Catechists for adults and youth
4. Liturgical Music formation and School of Music
5. Prison Outreach for the development and rehabilitation of prisoners

## **(2)Yomol P'ijbtesel**

The processes of education for children, youth, and adults is intercultural and based on a learning-by-doing methodology.

### **Projects:**

1. Fortifying the infrastructure of the School
2. Consolidation of the agroecological training center focused on defense of the territory and method of caring for and restoring Mother Earth
3. Regional development of local markets and strengthening of food sovereignty of the Tseltal and Indigenous families of the region
4. Sustainability of the indigenous women: Agro-ecological production and community financial organizations of the family.

## **(3)Yomol Ayinel**

Social organization focuses on the critical processes to restore the social fabric, defense of Human Rights and ways of autonomy.

### **Projects:**

1. Development of Communal Government - within the legal rights of the indigenous community, we have been accompanying the community in the development of a communal government. There has been significant resistance from the local government and rising tensions. A communal government allows the indigenous people to better defend their land, traditional values, way of life, and agricultural and economic stability. This is a priority to ensure autonomy and the ability to rise out of poverty.  
(Urgent) \$35,000 USD / \$700,000 MX
2. Structuring of the Regulatory System and Education/Training (COLTAYWANEJ) - Train and train individuals in agricultural law issues to defend their lands and their rights, in order to write their own internal regulations  
(Urgent) \$15,000 USD / \$300,000 MX
3. Conflict Resolution Training (MELTSANWANEJ) - Promotes the resolution of conflicts in the communities based on the Tseltal normative system which underpins something that is anchored from culture, that works for community harmony and not only ensuring individual rights, this means considering collective rights.  
(Urgent) \$17,500 USD / \$350,000 MX
4. Area Analysis Project - Analysis and research on issues of indigenous rights and human rights for the defense of the territory in native peoples

#### **(4)Yomol A'tel (Integral Processes of Solidarity Economy)**

The community's innovative solidarity economy is based on the Tseltal families' means of sustenance, defense of the land, social power, organizational processes.

##### **Projects:**

1. Certified organic specialty products
2. Micro-financing Project

#### **(5)Yomol C'opojel (Communication) [Link to document]**

A holistic approach to communication with words for the people and fully committed to supporting the Tseltal way of life.

##### **Projects:**

1. Training for radio station personnel and content development (RADIO AND LIBRARY) - Achieve a comprehensive project that contributes to the development and empowerment of indigenous and mestizo communities in the Selva Norte region of Chiapas towards a dignified life, through the creation and development of a Communication platform that serves as an Educational, Informational and Dialogue System .

#### **(6)Administration (Management, Accounts, Projects)**

Administrative processes that ensure the Mission and its works' financial viability.

##### **Projects:**

1. Community Transportation Project - The community maintains 5 vehicles that serve the community and the mission staff.

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