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Supplement

FROM THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTERS YOU CAN SEE THAT
SINCE JUNE OF 2006 MOST OF OUR VISA APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN
TURNED AWAY EMPTY-HANDED
BY THE U.S. CONSULATE IN GUATEMALA,
THUS NEARLY SHUTTING DOWN OUR PROGRAM.

ON SEPTEMBER 5 WE MET WITH OFFICIALS
AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON
AND SUCCESSFULLY PLEADED OUR CASE,
AFTER AGREEING TO A RELATIVELY MINOR CHANGE
IN THE PROGRAM.

IN THE NEW CONFIGURATION, OUR YOUNGSTERS WILL COME
FOR PHASE 1 IN JUNE FOR THREE MONTHS
TO LEARN ENGLISH BY IMMERSION
WHILE LIVING AS PRACTICAL MEMBERS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES
AND
BY TAKING CLASSES AT A LOCAL FACILITY.
IN THE PAST THEY CAME FOR SIX MONTHS
AND DID NOT TAKE CLASSES.

WE ARE NOW FILING THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND
HOPE TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL AGAIN BY NEXT JUNE.
DETAILS WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.