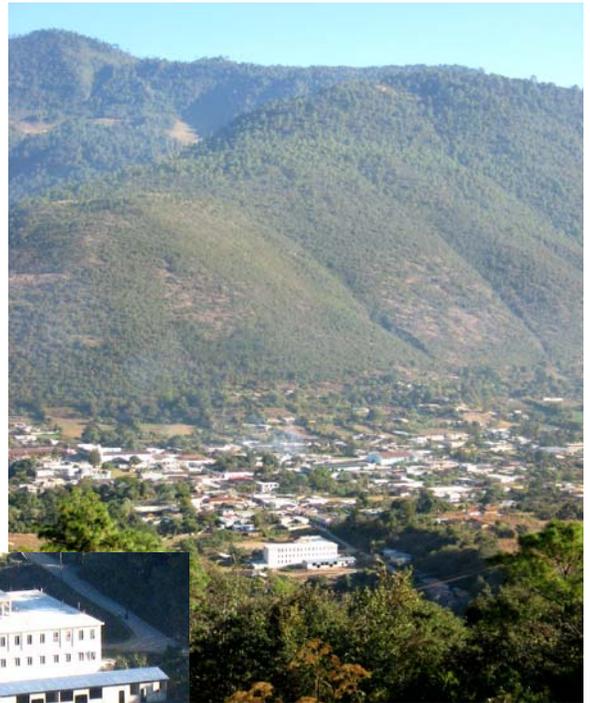


**INAUGURATION OF BILINGUAL BICULTURAL  
CUNEN HIGH SCHOOL/TEACHERS' COLLEGE  
GUATEMALA JANUARY 18, 2008**

**Monitoring Team: President, George Bunz, director and translator , Joe Gubbels and self-supporting guests Cecily Mills, Ron Fengstad, Ed & Cheryl Ranjfur, Charlie Matt, Victoria Gerwing, and Liz Patzer.**

**The facility is a 2-story structure concrete block and steel consisting of 15 classrooms, beautiful entrance, spacious outside staircase and corridors, stucco walls inside and out, tile floors, and large handsome steel doors. At the time of the inauguration, the bathrooms were yet to be finished. The Wild Rose Foundation budget was \$252,000 for the 25,000 grant. Including these WRF funds, ROHFC committed \$215,000. Amended agreements enable additional funds to be sent up to April 30, 2008 to complete aspects of the facility not finished and for furniture and equipment.**



**The Cunén college is a landmark as you enter the town.**



**The College is graced with an impressive entrance that enables easy access to the lower and upper classrooms and a patio for gatherings and ceremonies.**



Above is a large sign acknowledging the contributors. The Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta was not listed, as they understood it to be part of Rainbow of Hope. The community expressed gratitude to the WRF when we explained its significant contribution. At the left is a rear view of the college. The long 1-story facility between the college and the creek is an early childhood facility that is being built by the municipality. Below is a front view taken before commencing the inauguration .





The shape of the entrance opening into a spacious patio has significance in the Mayan culture where the community gathered for ceremonies and events. Here we see its beauty from different angles and the well finished spacious upper and lower corridors that awed even the little children being protected from falling below by an elder.



On top left, Manuel Tzoc, an warm and caring Mayan priest, conducts a Mayan ceremony the evening preceding the inauguration, teaching students to respect the environment, the earth and all life as part of one sacred cosmos. On top right, Father Gerry Le Strat, a strong supporter of the Mayan people, their culture and language, gives a blessing and words of praise to the gathering at the inauguration. Below, students, parents and guests enjoy the festivities, the beautiful facility, cooking soup, and gathering as families and friends. Congratulations and we wish the students and teachers well in their program.

