Progress Report from Teosinte

May-June 1989

1. Work Areas

1.1 Agricultural Production

Within the period of this report we planted 38 acres of corn, 5 acres of beans, 2 acres of vegetables including potatoes. This planting included the cleaning of the land,burning of the brush and encircling the cultivated area with barbed wire. After the plants were growing we cleaned out the weeds, fertilized and sprayed against insects. We also brought tools to increase productivity of our daily substence.

1.2 Diary Production

The community possesses 5 milking cows and 2 bulls which we feed daily with hay because we lack the funds to buy concentrate which increases milk production. The 5 cows give 25 bottles of milk which is distributed equally in the community giving priority to the children, sick and old people. In spite of our success in distributing milk there is still a need for more due to the poor nutritional state of the population.

1.3 Craft Production

The community has a project to set up a shoe shop but we still need materials. We have a small sewing project but due to a lack of materials we can only do repairs and make small clothes.

1.4 Infrastructure

The community has constructed 38 homes, a warehouse for supplies and another for fertilizers. We have repaired the school, church and clinic. We have completed the water project that we discussed in an earlier report and now want to expand it. We have also made a rope bridge which helps the people a great deal.

1.5 Education

We mentioned earlier that we fixed the school, bought desks and a blackboard. We have organized a team of teachers that give classes from kindergarten to third grade. In spite of the the necessities of the community , in the area of education, the classes for children and adult continues.

1.6 Health

The community has two more health promoters who along with the others give medical advice to the population. We have a team of midwives to attend to the births. The health team also gives talks about improving sanitary conditions and ways to avoid common illness by better disposal of trash and construction and cleaning of latrines.The community needs medicine in order to treat common ailments that occur.