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Oficina del Cardenal

**Jeffery E. Heck, M.D.**  
Executive Director  
Shoulder to Shoulder

Dear Dr. Heck:

It is a pleasure for me to participate with your proposal to construct a bilingual school in Concepcion, Intibucá. Intibucá is one of the neediest areas in Honduras. Shoulder to Shoulder has made great strides bettering the health care in several of the most isolated communities such as; Santa Lucia, Magdalena and Concepcion. We hope that this proposal comes to fruition and inroads can be made in education as well.

We believe that only good education based on Christian values may change the future of a nation. In our country, Honduras, there are very few opportunities for poor rural people to receive high quality, values based, bilingual education. The larger cities are striving to offer this type of education, but the smaller cities and towns have found this very difficult. To be able to offer this type of education in one of the most isolated areas of Honduras would be a model to inspire the rest of the country.

The interest Shoulder to Shoulder has shown in Intibucá over the past twenty years has motivated many changes in the lives of its inhabitants. The panoramic vision that includes health care, education, communication, agriculture and job opportunities promises to enhance the standard of living of the general population in the near and distant future.

With the hope that our country may receive your interest and support, I am Yours in Christ,

*+ Oscar A. Card. Rodríguez S.D.B.*  
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Archbishop of Tegucigalpa.