

## THE NEW HOPE FOUNDATION



On behalf of the StFXAUT membership, President Brad Long presents a cheque to Jesús Tecú Osorio accompanied by his wife, Isabel Osorio Chen, and daughter, Isabel.

The Executive received and responded favourably to a request from the [Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network \(BTS\)](#) to support the New Hope Foundation in Rabinal, Guatemala. This organization was established to support descendants of the 1982 government-led massacres in their pursuit of an independent, quality, and culturally relevant education that promotes indigenous knowledge, capacity building, and sustainability.

The [New Hope Foundation](#) was created in 1997 by Jesús Tecú Osorio, himself a survivor of this violence and now a StFX Honourary Degree recipient. StFX has been the direct beneficiary of a 13 year (and counting) partnership between Breaking the Silence and our [Immersion Service Learning Program](#), with over 100 students having participated in the Guatemalan immersion experience and witnessing

first-hand the important work of the New Hope Foundation. Students have been awakened, [career trajectories have been altered](#), and our campus has been enriched (e.g. Fair Trade coffee).

As reported in the [Casket](#), Mr. Osorio and his family recently paid a visit to Antigonish on a fundraising tour. In support of our shared goals of equality, justice, and higher education, and as an expression of solidarity beyond our narrow borders, the StFXAUT is pleased to have contributed \$1,000 from our donations budget toward this worthy cause. Broader still, our hope is that this contribution represents the seeds of a "sustaining fund" to which members may wish to donate further. For more information on how to make a donation of your own, please contact Susan at the StFXAUT office.