Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of Radio Progreso and our Communications Team, and on behalf of thousands of the Honduran people who are nourished by our work, I am writing to thank you for carrying us in your hearts. Thank you for your love and solidarity.

We are a radio station that have decided to cast our luck with our people, the most oppressed, the dignified and the poor who believe in God’s love. This option in our country is a risk in itself, because we submit to being falsely accused that we are unruly, enemies of development and promoters of violence. And this brings threats.

That a corrupt, violent and drug trafficking government like that of our country treats us like this, confirms that we are doing things well. It would be sad if our radio received praise or recognition from this dictatorial power.

Hermanas y hermanos - Sisters and brothers - we do not receive money from the government or from wealthy people, because among the rich people of Honduras and the government, nothing is given for free, and if we receive it then they will demand that we remain silent or flatter their lies.

How beautiful it will be for our team to reach faraway hills, valleys and mountains through a vehicle that is the fruit of thousands of small contributions from across the world. Thus, that material vehicle – in this case a radio that provides a platform for the people’s voices to be heard – becomes a spiritual transport. It cultivates life, love and solidarity among peoples.

We believe in solidarity among peoples, for as the song Cuando El Pobre Crea En El Pobres says, "only when the poor believe in the poor do they succeed." And we believe that when everyone contributes to the common cause of justice, then we become strong in love and grow as peoples bound together in pursuit of freedom. If each person contributes to our radio, then each joy we give back to the communities will be a joy built by many voices, many arms and many hearts.

May our God, the source of our life and all sunrises, fill us with the spirit of hope and strengthen our mission for justice and freedom.

Con el abrazo solidario de los pueblos superamos los miedos!

Con cariño,

Ismael Moreno (P. Melo)