

# The ASAPROSAR Newsletter



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## Your Solidarity Radiates Light in Our Hearts

by  
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In many cultures "the light" is a symbol of death, nevertheless for others, it is the energy that feeds and it is the Holy Spirit, Nirvana, faith, hope. Many people are dedicated to the investigation of the energy of the body, objects, or stars in order to learn our connection with the universe. On this side of the planet where we live, often the shadows of powerful egotists, those that worship money, liars and white collar murders make it difficult to see this "light". It is difficult to stay standing without cursing, it is difficult to believe in people and at times we become enemies without understanding why... simply because it is infuriating to see reality.



In this grey world there are marvelous beings that constantly see "the light" and are able to understand the world in a transparent way, able to transform the grey into one of colors, birds, suns and moons. But above all else they are filled with a potent light that connects us all, the hope, the utopia, the faith, this spirit of light that connects us. The adults no longer see. Those of whom I speak, those who are capable of transforming the grey world they are the boys, the girls and the adolescents.

Yes, they are the beings that we forget, that we have sentenced to a slow premature death, to domestic torture, to the abuse of their body as private property of others. We are mutilating their dreams, we are teaching them to hate, we are ignoring their voices, but even worse, we do not want to see that they are "the light" that we need in order to construct a more equitable world. [Read more of Lucy's story...](#)

*Translated by Eloise Clawson*

## You Gotta Give'em Credit

by  
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In the spring of 2010, a group of Salem State College students traveled to Santa Ana, El Salvador to visit the ASAPROSAR organization. ASAPROSAR coordinates two micro-credit programs, The Rural Micro-credit Program and Urban Micro-enterprise. The Rural Micro-credit Program is a major source of income, support, and empowerment for women living in the region and is based on the Grameen Bank or Grameencredit model of Micro-credit.

At ASAPROSAR, the lead manager of the Micro-credit Programs, Margarita, works to manage each micro-credit group, consisting of a president, secretary and treasurer. Margarita herself started as a Barefoot Angel in the ASAPROSAR children's program and through ASAPROSAR scholarships and support has become a leader within the organization. She has studied the Grameen Bank model in the Philippines and attended numerous conferences and trainings in microfinance. [Read entire article...](#)

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## Get Involved!

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- Jeffrey D. Sachs