



Desde 1933

Tel:  
Tlx: 8801 CBATEL HO

# COMITE INTERNACIONAL DE RESCATE

Apdo. Postal No. 113 . La Ceiba, Atlántida . Honduras, Centro América

September 1, 1986

OFICINAS EN:

BOTSWANA

BRUSELAS

COSTA RICA

EL SALVADOR

GENOVA

HONDURAS

HONG KONG

LIBANO

MADRID

MONTREAL

MUNICH

PAKISTAN

PARIS

ROMA

SUDAN

TAILANDIA

U. S. A.

VIENA

Mr. Gerry L. Dexter  
RR4 Box 110  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147  
United States of America

Dear Mr. Dexter,

Thank you for your letter and report of August 24, 1986 informing us of receipt of our test transmission of August 19, 1986. Our frequency is 4755 KHZ, as licensed with the government of Honduras at geographical coordinates of 15 degrees 16 minutes north and 83 degrees 46 minutes West in the town of Puerto Lempira, Gracias a Dios. Our call letters are HRR1 and we are called "SANI RADIO" (which some listeners have confused as "Family Radio").

The name Sani comes from a Miskito Indian word for a vine that is used as string with which children will sometimes use to make a "telephone" by connecting two coconut halves. The word "sani" combined with "radio" has evolved into a slang expression for oral transmission of information like the English expression "Through the grapevine".

Our purpose is to provide bi-lingual (Spanish/Miskito) educational and public service broadcasts to the Miskito Indian population of the area.

Our transmitter is a Sintronic SI-A-10 with 10KW of power and we use a simple 30 meter long di-pole antenna at a height of 15 meters which is probably around 20 meters above sea level.

Presently, we are financed by funds from the United States Agency for International Development.

The International Rescue Committee was founded in 1933 during the rise of German facism and since then has been dedicated to assisting refugees throughout the world.

The grand opening of "Sani Radio" was originally scheduled for August 18, 1986 but due to the tragic accident of an Honduran military transport in the area we postponed the opening until August 25, 1986 which went over very well and was broadcast live and attended by more than 200 local persons, as well as guests from the Honduran Ministry of Education, Ministry of the Interior, and the United States AID mission.

Over the next year we hope to comercialize the station to some extent in order to cover basic operational costs as well as possibly enter into a cooperative agreement for national educational broadcasting and will seek funding from private and public sectors both nationally and internationally. We are expressly prohibited from transmitting partisan political or religious programs.

Our programing will be in Spanish, Miskito, and Sumo languages and initially will cover cultural, informative, and entertainment programs which will evolve rapidly to include extensive bilingual primary and adult education programs targeted to some 40 village study centers in remote areas.

I am enclosing a site plan of our station as well as some early photos and hope this information is of some use should you decide to use them in a column for POPULAR COMMUNICATIONS.

Our new hours of transmission will be from 0600 hours to 1000 hours and 1500 hours to 2000 hours local Honduran time, please feel free to write again. You may address a particular program or write to me directly just be sure to use the APDO number.

Take care and the best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

  
Edward A. Pfister  
Project Manager for Operations  
International Rescue Committee  
APDO 113  
La Ceiba, Atlantida  
Honduras, Central America

