



AMERICA/GUATEMALA - Because of the ethnic tensions, about 200 people, mostly children, are struggling with hunger

San Pedro Carchá (Agenzia Fides) - In the area of the Parish "St. Joseph", entrusted to the Salesian missionaries of the municipality of San Pedro Carchá, there are about 120 villages of the ethnic Maya-Q'eqchi ', not all at peace with each other. For several months in Finca San Vicente, due to a division of lands, tensions have increased and have resulted in the invasion of the village of Nazareth Sechac. During the assault houses were burnt and what had been sown by the farmers destroyed, forced to flee their homeland to flock to the nearby municipality of Chisec. According to a statement by Ans, sent to Fides, there are 40 displaced families, composed mostly of children, for a total of about 200 people, who struggle with hunger, far from their land and without harvesting. To cope with this emergency the Salesian community of the municipality of San Pedro Carchá intervened, which delivered 14 kg of rice for each family, and will be back next week to bring new supplies. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 09/07/2012)