2014-01-17 Meeting Notes

* Notes from Prof. Cervenak
  + Might not want to stay with families (big stress for them; we need to recharge)
  + Used hotel as base for first week; Guatemala city hotel as base for second week
  + Presentations
    - Tentative presentation to Bishop after first week in Guatemala
    - Presentation to CRS in Guatemala City at end of second week
    - Someone goes to CRS HQ in Baltimore in April to present findings
  + Team already in SM might be our host/coordinator on the ground
  + Our translator will be Carla Alvarez (Peace Studies graduate)
    - Mexican-American; fully fluent
    - Emily will seal the deal with her in the coming week
  + Luis was their guide/translator in Guatemala
    - Speaks some of the native languages
  + Prof. Cervenak will be a bit more proactive about looking out for safety concerns during travel (specifically poor roads in the highlands)
  + Have to go to Antigua for at least a day!
* Questions (general, and for CRS follow-up)
  + NGO tried to do Amaranth 5-10 years ago ⇒ why did it fail? What can we do different? What organization was this?
  + What was the successful women’s group in Mexico that has implemented amaranth? What can we learn from them?
  + Who do we need to talk with in order to understand making amaranth consumption more of a cultural norm?
  + Will Luis be working with us in Guatemala (worked with the team two years ago)?
* Friday meeting times
  + 24, 31, 7, 14 are 4:30-6:15
  + reverting back to 12:45 after that