

*** New Documentary Film ***

GOLDCORP (formerly GLAMIS GOLD) MINING COMPANY "CONTRIBUTING TO DESPERATE POVERTY IN HONDURAS"

View clips: <http://www.youtube.com/visiontvcanada>.

The Goldcorp (formerly Glamis Gold) annual investors meeting is May 2nd in Vancouver. Contact Dawn Paley (604-715-4180, dawnpaley@gmail.com) for information about education and protest activities planned before and during the Investor's meeting.

"ON THE ROAD TO THE GOLDCORP INVESTORS MEETING" SPEAKING TOUR: Rights Action is in the midst of two educational speaking tours (western USA and Canada) with leaders from Goldcorp affected communities in Guatemala and Honduras. For more info: contact Dawn Paley in Western CANADA (604-715-4180, dawnpaley@gmail.com) and Sandra Cuffe in Western USA (caminando27@yahoo.es).

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CANADIAN GOLD DIGGERS CONTRIBUTING TO DESPERATE POVERTY IN HONDURAS

360 VisionTV exclusive: In impoverished Honduras, the Catholic Church battles a Canadian mining giant.

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Honduras is rich in silver and gold. So why is this Central American republic plagued by such desperate poverty? Roman Catholic Church officials in Honduras believe foreign mining concerns like Canada's Goldcorp Inc. bear much of the blame. They want these companies out their country - now.

On its next edition, VisionTV's Gemini Award-nominated current affairs series 360 Vision presents the first of a two-part documentary report on this growing battle between the forces of faith and commerce.

Part one airs on Wednesday, April 25 at 10 p.m. ET, and repeats on Monday, April 30 at 8:30 p.m. ET.

Foreigners have been coming to Honduras for its wealth of precious metals since the time of the Spanish conquest. The most recent wave began after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country in 1998. Desperate

to revive its economy, the Honduran government offered tax breaks and free access to land and water for foreign mining companies. One of those drawn to the country was Vancouver-based Goldcorp, which began operations there in 2001.

Bishop Luis Santos says most Hondurans reap no benefit from the mining industry: foreign companies strip away the country's wealth, leaving behind only broken promises and toxic waste. Like many of his fellow clergy, he believes the time has come to speak out – regardless of the cost.

"When one loves their country, one's life is secondary," he tells 360 Vision's Kevin O'Keefe. "What is important is one's faith in Jesus Christ and defending the poor."

360 Vision visits a Honduran mining town where locals say Goldcorp operations have contaminated the water supplies – a claim that the Canadian company emphatically rejects.

Says Tim Miller, Goldcorp's Vice President for Central America: "There's just nothing that can be corroborated that shows there's any contamination or any environmental effect due to our operation here."

The company also says its presence has been a plus for Hondurans. Among other things, it has built a school and two medical clinics. Goldcorp estimates that its contribution to Honduras in donations and taxes amounts to \$13 million.

Still, mining towns in Honduras remain the country's poorest communities.

And Bishop Santos says that after hundreds of years of being lied to, the people of his country find it hard to accept the word of foreign gold miners.

For more news and information on 360 Vision, please visit www.visiontv.ca.

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EDUCATIONAL DELEGATION TO GUATEMALA (& HONDURAS ?), JULY 22-28, 2007:

Interested in joining an educational trip to learn more about the harms caused by unjust and harmful mining operations, about community resistance to mining and about community development, human rights and environmental struggles: info@rightsaction.org, 860-352-2152

See 9-minute film of forced evictions of Mayan-Kekchi people to make way for Canadian nickel company: <http://www.rightsaction.org/video/elestor>.

To support community and indigenous struggles against harms of North American resource extraction industries, or to get more info:
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