

Mariana Chuquin, who is Quichua Indian from Otavalo, Ecuador, is now visiting the San Francisco Bay Area with her family, who are weavers. She extends the following message to readers of the SAIIC Newsletter:

"This is a message for everyone. We as Indian people must maintain unity through brotherhood and sisterhood across all communities and all continents, and understand deeply that we are Indian. To assure that our world unfolds in the best possible way, there must be unity and also an ending of egoism so that our culture and traditions are maintained, and so that we continue to strive forcefully, with all our strength and spirit, to assure the well-being of our Indian community."

Mariana spoke recently on the SAIIC radio program "South and Central American Indian Update," which is heard at 8:00 p.m. the first Friday of each month on KPFA FM 94.1 in northern California. The program includes interviews, news reports, and music from Indian communities in South and Central America. Listen in.



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