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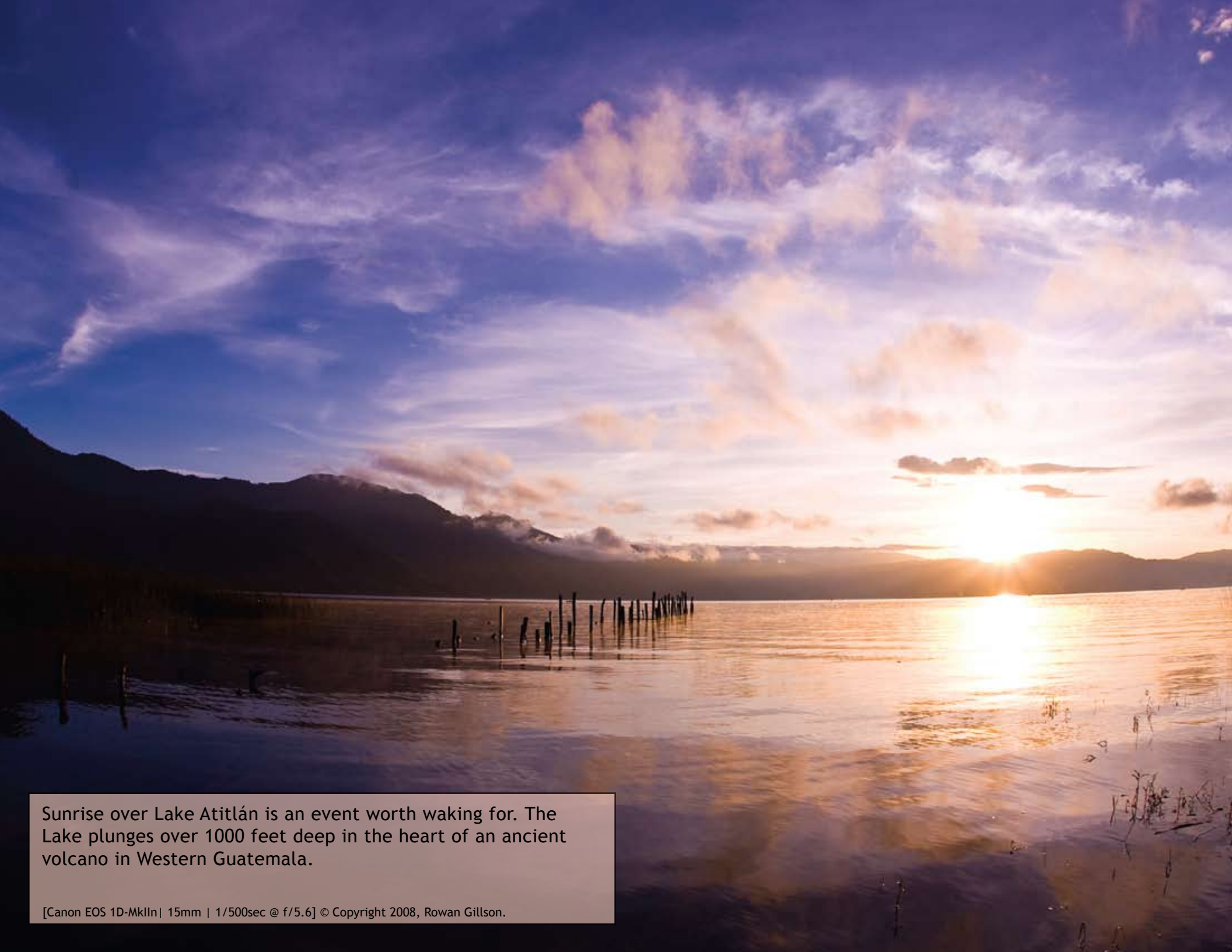

Sunrise over Lake Atitlán is an event worth waking for. The Lake plunges over 1000 feet deep in the heart of an ancient volcano in Western Guatemala.

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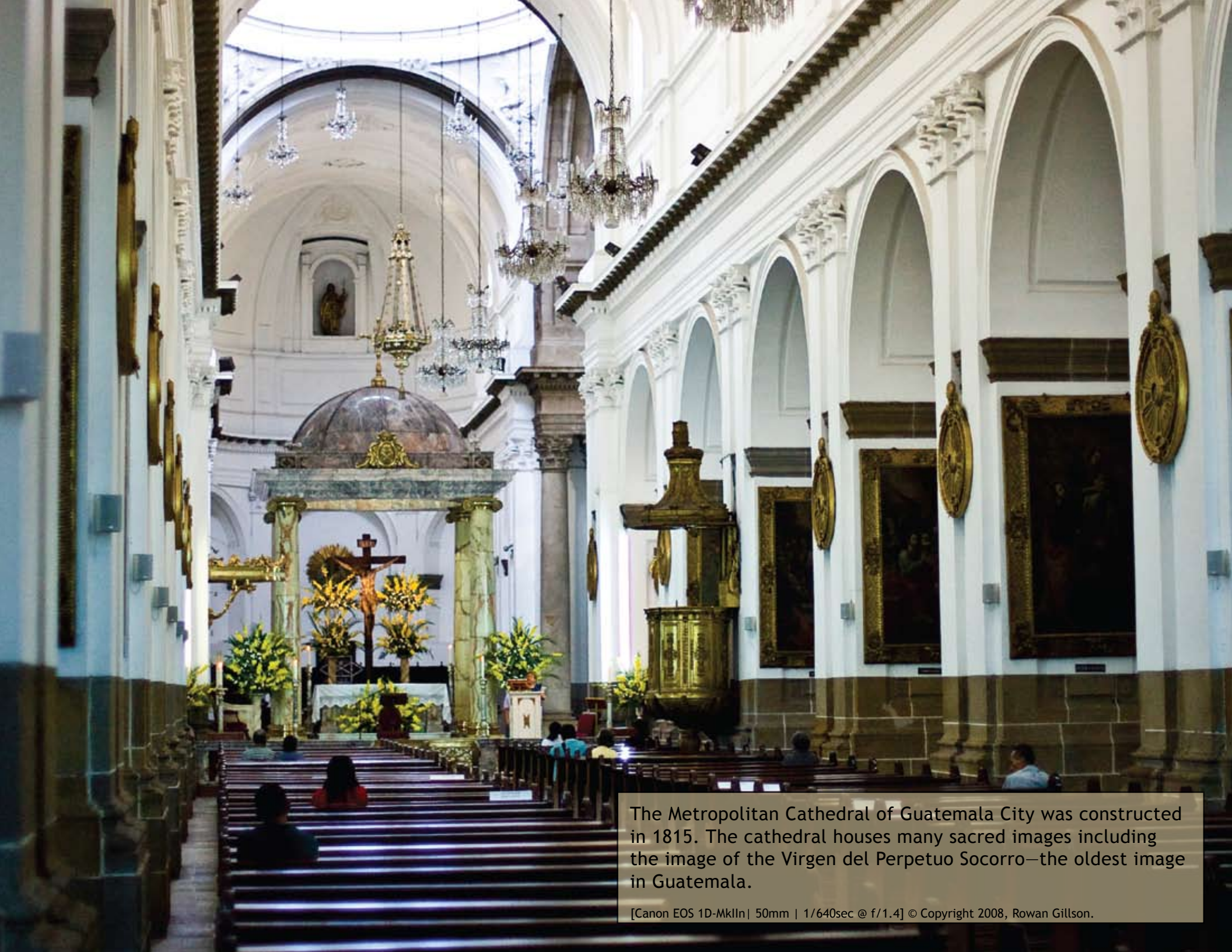
January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



The Metropolitan Cathedral of Guatemala City was constructed in 1815. The cathedral houses many sacred images including the image of the Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro—the oldest image in Guatemala.

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February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog's Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

More than 10,000 people live on what they can scavenge from the mountains of trash in Guatemala City's garbage dump. The dump itself spans more than 90,000m^2, but its effect is felt far beyond as flies and rats carry disease throughout the city.

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March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Vendors display their wares as tourists take a break outside the Church of Santo Tomás in Chichicastenango. These ancient steps once led to a Mayan temple and are still an important site for animistic worship.

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April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

A young boy glares warily from the door of his family's shop in Chimaltenango. A missionary in town runs an after school program for children, sharing with them the love of Christ and life skills such as proper hygiene and computer usage.

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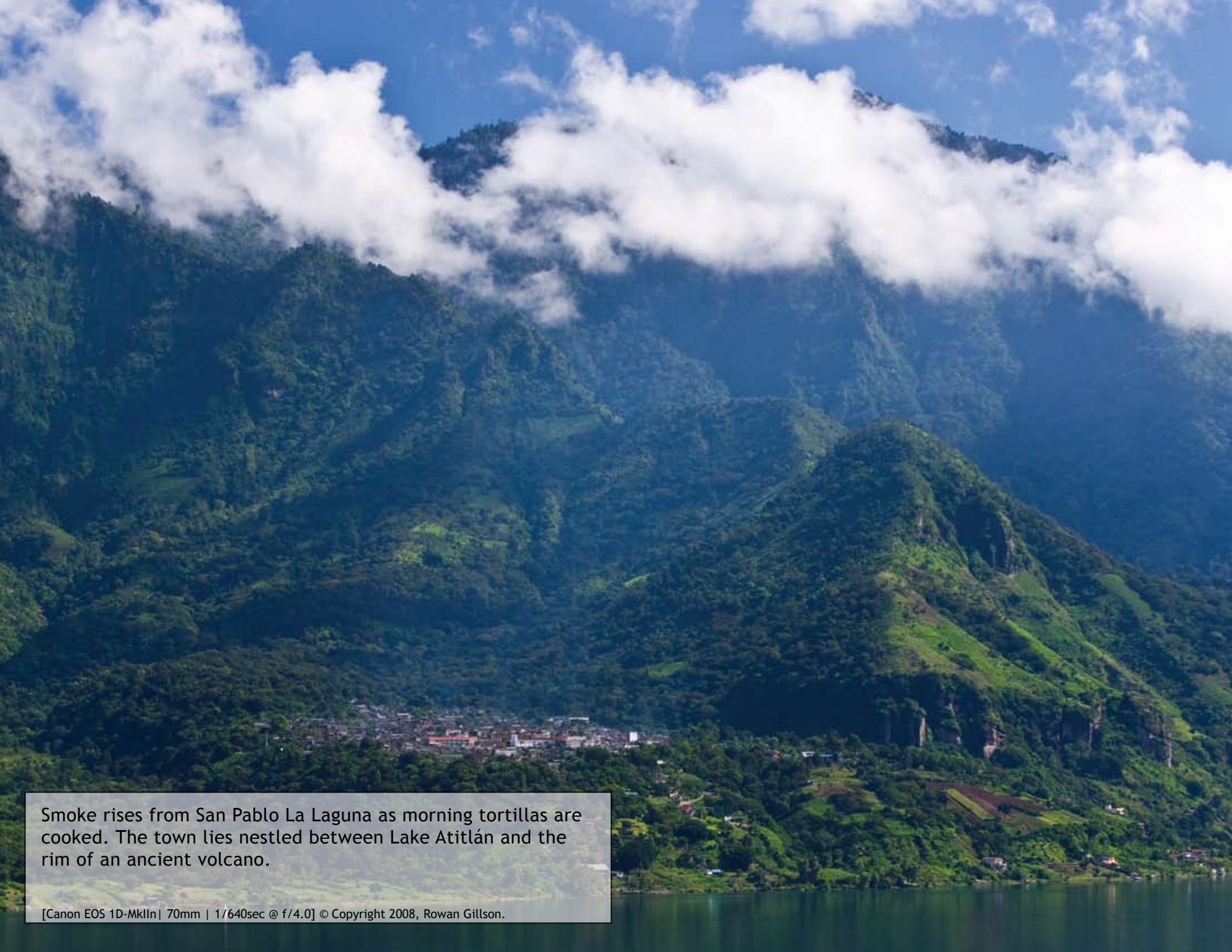
May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30



Smoke rises from San Pablo La Laguna as morning tortillas are cooked. The town lies nestled between Lake Atitlán and the rim of an ancient volcano.

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June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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The hands of untold pilgrims keep the feet of the large crucifix at the Metropolitan Cathedral well polished as they offer their prayers and adoration.

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July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

A man labors his wheelbarrow up the street towards a cathedral in Chimaltenango. I see this as an illustration of so many people's relationship with God as they labor to be good enough to attain heaven.

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August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29

Children at an after-school program in Chimaltenango lift their songs and their hearts to God in praise. One Guatemalan missionary has given his entire life and inheritance that these children might hear of Jesus Christ.

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September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

A worshipper waves a tin can filled with smoking coals and incense in front of Santo Tomás in Chichicastenango. Smoke that rises straight up symbolizes sincerity of heart, allowing one to communicate with the heavens.

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October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Priests and paupers alike crowd around the casket of a recently departed in Chichicastenango. Catholicism and Animism collide in the unusual beliefs and practices of these people.

[Canon EOS 1D-MkIIn| 150mm | 1/1000sec @ f/2.8] © Copyright 2008, Rowan Gillson.

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

The twin volcanoes of Tolimán and San Pedro rise above the sapphire waters of Lake Atitlán in pre-dawn light.

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December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Hanukkah
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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Rowan Gillson is a professional photographer from Saint Cloud, Minnesota. Having traveled to more than 20 countries in the past 5 years, Rowan enjoys the challenge of communicating a foreign culture through still images. “I want people to be able to experience my images, not just look at them. By interacting with one of my images you should be able to walk down city streets, meet locals, and gaze off into the distant hills you may never visit in person.”

Rowan also has a passion for training other photographers. For the past 6 years he has directed the Institute of Photographic Studies—a Christian program hosting photography workshops around the world. For more information about IPS please visit http://www.prizewinningphotography.com.

The images in this calendar were created in August, 2008 during a 10-day mission trip to Guatemala with VOICE Missions and CAM International. Rowan’s international shoots are usually in partnership with missionaries or a missions group as they work together to tell the story of what God is doing in His people around the world.

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