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“Empowering families to reduce poverty, build just, peaceful and productive communities based on Christian values”

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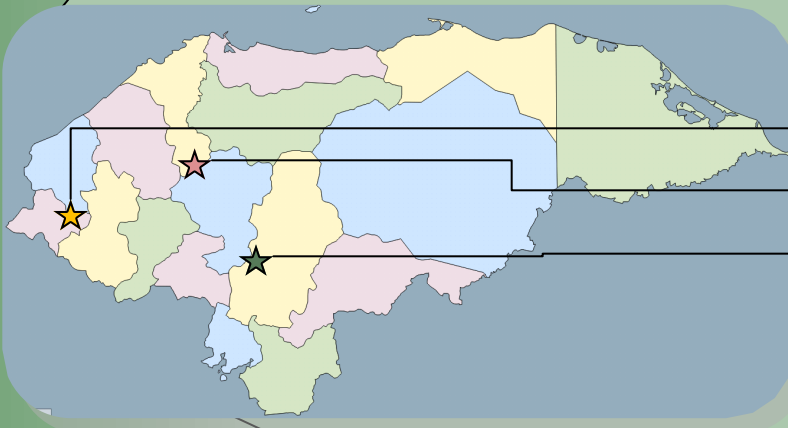




OUR MISSION: “Empowering families to reduce poverty, build just, peaceful and productive communities based on Christian values”



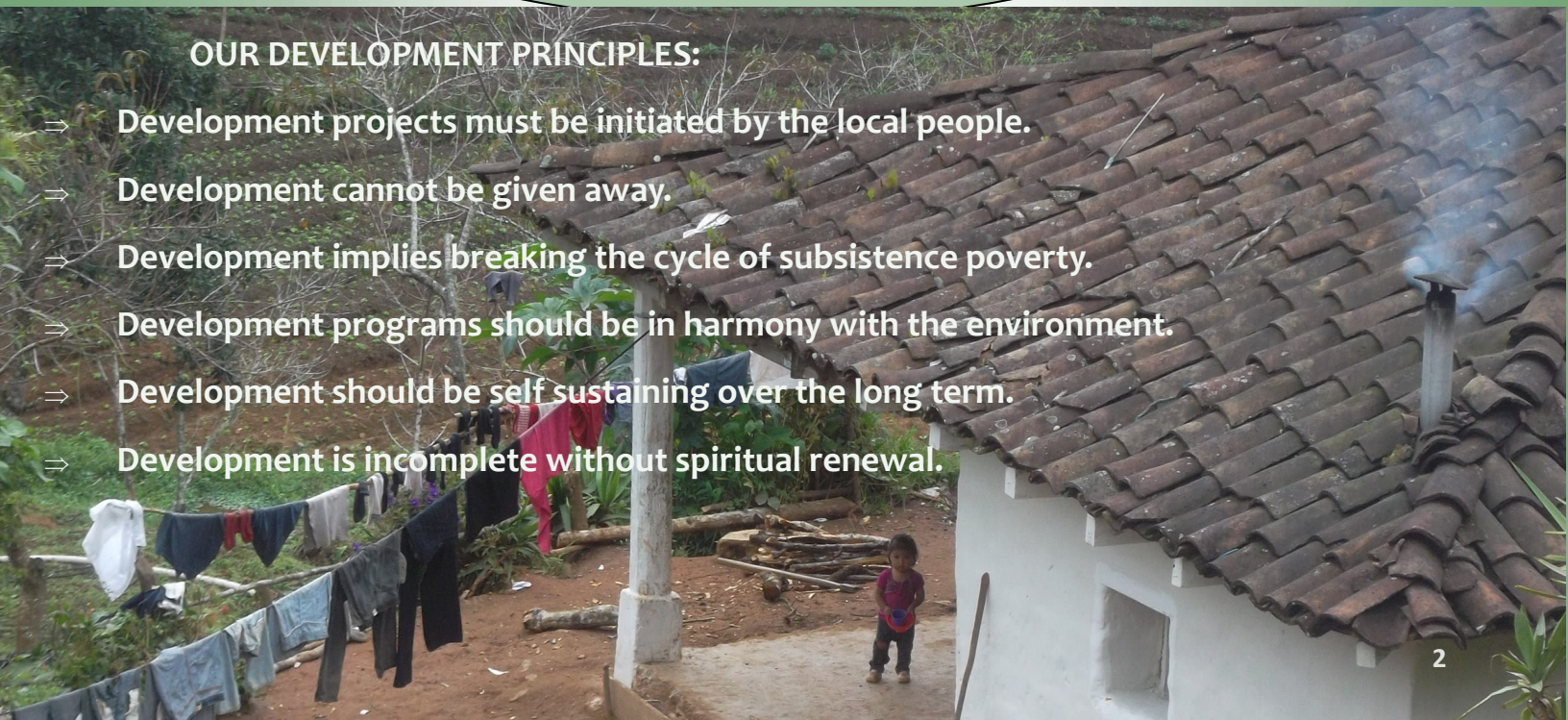
MAP OF HONDURAS AND PAG’S WORK AREA



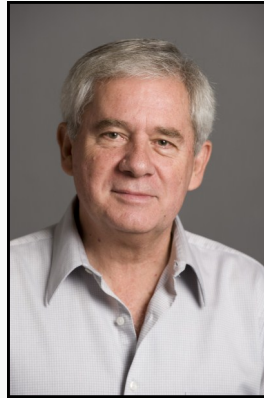
- ★ Ocotepeque, Lempira and Copan counties
- ★ Southern Cortes and Northern Comayagua counties
- ★ Tegucigalpa (Capital city of Honduras)

OUR DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES:

- ⇒ Development projects must be initiated by the local people.
- ⇒ Development cannot be given away.
- ⇒ Development implies breaking the cycle of subsistence poverty.
- ⇒ Development programs should be in harmony with the environment.
- ⇒ Development should be self sustaining over the long term.
- ⇒ Development is incomplete without spiritual renewal.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



This Christmas season, we look back and reflect on the great accomplishments we've been able to make with PAG here in Honduras. We have seen the joy on the faces of rural farmers who are producing much more now with greenhouses and irrigation, students and teachers who are glad to see the improvement in the rural public educational sector, mothers that are grateful for the skills they've learned for improving the nutrition of their little ones, young people who are making healthy life decisions, and more! PAG's integrated development strategy allows us to make an impact in all the necessary aspects of an individual's life including their health, education, living conditions, spiritual development and personal formation. That is why we are pleased to present you with some of the achievements that have been reached with our programs this year and to let you read the stories that come directly from those benefitted.

The greatest gift for us here at PAG is to see the true change in our beneficiaries' lives at the end of each year working in the poorest communities throughout the country. We hope you and your family can enjoy these stories as much as we have and that you have a truly blessed Christmas and New Year.

Warmest wishes this season,

Chet Thomas

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DEBORAH PROGRAM

Family, justice and freedom! That is what PAG's Deborah program has stood for since it began in 2001. Now, in 2012 we are celebrating it's work during the past 11 years as the program is now being handed over to the 27 different local civil society organizations that it has partnered with throughout the years. Deborah was started as a program to protect women and children against domestic violence (DV) which is prevalent throughout the rural communities in central Honduras. There is still quite a bit of "machismo" culture instilled in the villages and the practice of domestic violence has never been a rare thing in these poor areas. The program has been dedicated to offering emotional counseling to DV victims as well as legal assistance in matters such as child support, property rights and custody.

Female citizen participation, which was previously non-existent is now an active ingredient in local politics as women's groups are creating their own project proposals to present before the local authorities to start making changes that will benefit themselves and their families! The program has focused heavily in the area of vocational training as well as microcredit assistance for women who used to be economically dependent on their aggressors and who have never had any way of gaining an income on their own. With these trainings and loan opportunities, women have been able to acquire practical skills such as cooking, baking, making jewelry, crafts, piñatas and more so that they can start their own businesses and support their children.



Inauguration of a Deborah partner office opening in the community of La Libertad.



Representative from a community women's group presenting a project proposal to the local municipal authorities



Vocational workshop on baking with DV victims

3-year achievements 2009—2012:

- 13,500 individuals had access to information regarding DV and family/children rights through awareness campaigns and fairs meaning there is more interest amongst women to fight for their rights.
- 5,236 female victims of DV have received legal and psychological counseling from paralegals and the 27 civil society partners.
- 400 municipal counselors (leaders within the municipalities) have been trained on domestic violence and conflict resolution.
- 1,085 women are receiving child support from their ex-aggressor.
- 484 men have received training and counseling on how to decrease their aggressive behaviors.
- 1,460 women have participated in vocational workshops, 350 of which have received loans from PA's credit fund to start their own small businesses.

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CHAM - COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM

Imagine having to walk for miles with your sick child just to visit the doctor, or having to ride for 4 hours on horseback on dirt roads so that you can deliver your baby in a hospital. Imagine what life would be like for your family if there were no access to medicines or health counseling when someone you love became ill. These types of living conditions are what led PAG to develop the CHAM - Community Healthcare and Microcredit program.

CHAM addresses the health needs of individuals living in poor, rural communities throughout Comayagua, Honduras where there are no formal health services available. The program focuses on maternal and infant health providing a creative strategy called AIN-C which monitors the children's growth and development during the first two years of life. The program is operated by a network of community volunteers (trained by PAG) that run the monthly AIN-C meetings where the children are weighed and the mothers are counseled on general health, nutrition and basic sanitation. All of this, right in their own communities with local health volunteers!

The trained health volunteers also run community pharmacies that are established in their homes with low-cost medications available at very affordable prices for the people in the communities. Nothing is free but access to healthcare is local.

PAG also has a community clinic in San Isidro, Santa Cruz de Yojoa which offers health services to the general public as well as prenatal and post-birth care to mothers.



Mother receiving pre-natal care in the San Isidro clinic

Achievements 2012:

- 4,090 children 0-2 years of age participated in the AIN-C growth monitoring program, 61% of which have maintained an appropriate weight for their age.



- 690 (70%) of children 6 months and younger are receiving exclusive breastfeeding from their mothers.

- 114 community pharmacies run by volunteer health monitors are operating in the program area of influence with quality, low-cost medicines.

- 16,566 patients have gone to the community pharmacies seeking medications for their sicknesses.
- 48 nebulizers have been strategically placed in community pharmacies and clinics for children with pneumonia and asthmatic patients.
- 496 health volunteers have been trained on how to handle different common illnesses, making medical references, nutrition, diet and caring for individuals with HIV.



Mothers receive training on nutrition at monthly AIN-C meeting

- 178 families benefitted from having latrines built.
- 9,186 couples throughout the area of influence are using some type of family planning method.
- 36 beneficiary families are managing their own small business animal projects through CHAM's microcredit fund.



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CHAM HEALTH PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*

My name is Delma Elisa Palma, I am the mother of 8 children and I live in the community of Las Huertas, Minas de Oro. One day, I heard that PAG provided medicines and other medical supplies including wheel chairs to those who were in need. Immediately I spoke with the PAG health volunteer in my community to ask how I could get a hold of two wheel chairs, one for my 15 year old son Christian and one for my 17 year old son Henry. Both of my sons suffer from a genetic disease called Imperfect Ontogenesis which is characterized by the fragility of the bones which can become fractured or broken with the slightest hit and sometimes with no cause at all. Individuals with this disorder live with it for their entire lives. The boys have never been able to walk as the reoccurring fractures began almost since the first day they were born. Christian and Henry have always had to crawl around the dirt floors of our poorly-made home in order to get around. They are constantly dirty and their pants are always ripped from having to drag their bodies along the floor.



My husband and I kept the wheelchairs as a surprise and our boys could not hold back their smiles when they saw them being delivered to our house. When they tried them out for the first time, it was like their whole world had changed as they have had to depend on the family to help them get around since they were young children. I was so happy when the wheel chairs were delivered to my home, it seemed like I was dreaming because this was something I never thought my sons would be able to have. I am eternally grateful to God and to those who work in Aldea Global for they have truly turned my sons' lives around!



17 year old Christian



Delma with her son Henry.

CELAQUE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE PROGRAM

The Lenca Indian people living in the Celaque highland region of Belén Gualcho, Ocotepeque are hardworking indigenous farmers that make a living on growing the few types of basic grains they know how to produce.



Health monitor weighs baby at growth monitoring meeting

There is a severe lack of formal education in this area as the majority of adults have only finished the third grade, however, there is a strong sense of community and warmth.

The Celaque community healthcare program

was started in this region to benefit the Lenca Indian population that has no access to quality healthcare in this remote area. Like CHAM, this program is focused on providing healthcare to mothers and infants between the ages of 0 and 2 through the growth monitoring strategy (AIN-C) which is run by volunteer health monitors from the communities.

The program is new as of this year but already off to a good start with the growth monitoring meetings taking place on a monthly basis in 36 villages and 8 community pharmacies established and run by Lenca Indian health volunteers and open to the general public.

A large aspect of the Celaque community healthcare program also consists in the construction and repair of community water systems as many communities are still without clean drinking water which causes many gastrointestinal sicknesses in each community.



Children play in the running water they have for the first time even in their village.

Achievements 2012:

- 8 community-managed pharmacies have been established in Lenca communities offering access to very affordable, quality medicines and treatment. Each pharmacy serves approximately 4 communities.
- 39 health volunteers that provide medical assistance with the community pharmacies have received training on common illnesses, medical referrals and nutrition .
- 36 communities are working with the AIN-C strategy, offering nutrition and growth monitoring meetings which attend children 0-2 years of age.
- 484 mothers are being trained in improved child care and participate in the monthly growth monitoring meetings with their children 0-2 years of age.
- 137 mothers with babies 0-6 months of age are encouraged to practice exclusive breastfeeding with their newborn children to provide them better healthcare.
- 166 families have benefitted from the construction of sanitary latrines.
- 2 new community water systems have been built benefitting the villages of Cerro Verde, Ocotillo and Rastrojon.
- 385 couples are using some sort of family planning method.
- 670 community members have received training on nutrition and how to prepare vegetables as part of their meals which are being grown by local farmers as a way to improve family nutrition.



Health monitor visits mother at her home to give her advice about how and what to feed her baby.

CELAQUE HEALTH PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is José Antonio Gonzales. I am 32 years old and I live with my wife and 5 children in the community of Cipresal in Belén Gualcho, Ocotepeque. When I was 12 months old, I became very sick with Pertussis (a respiratory illness that many children in our community had died from during that time). As there were no health centers nearby during that time, my mother cured me with natural remedies that she had learned from her mother. I survived after a couple of weeks under her close watch and she told all of our neighbors that I was a miracle from God and that I had a true purpose to live for since He had saved my life! I only went to school until third grade because there was no school beyond that level in our community when I was a child. I walked for four hours every day to go to school but I remember loving it and wanting to continue learning after I graduated from third grade.



I love attending community meetings and being involved in my neighborhood as I feel that one of my gifts from God is the gift of service. When PAG brought their health program to Belén Gualcho, I was excited to learn about how I could participate to help the people in my community. I learned about the possibility of becoming a community pharmacy volunteer and operating a small pharmacy from our home. PAG trained me on the different medicines that I would be dealing with and the common illnesses that are found throughout the area. I learned how to properly diagnosis sicknesses and teach parents the dosages of which medicines to give their children. Just this past month a young boy was

brought to our pharmacy by his mother. The boy had a severe case of pneumonia and was very weak. I gave him the first treatment of medicine that he needed and then referred him immediately to the doctor. He was hospitalized for a short time after, but I am glad to know that he is back at home and doing well! Although I am not a doctor, I love knowing that I can help out in some way in my community! Before, I never thought I would have the opportunity to learn a skill such as this, but PAG has helped me to realize that I really do have a purpose and I can make a difference in my community. The pharmacy is something that I do voluntarily as I make a living through carpentry and selling corn that I harvest on the plot behind our house. I am excited for my children to learn from this experience as well and to understand that even being poor, we can be used by God to be a blessing to other people!



José showing the community pharmacy sign hanging on the outside of his house.



José doing his daily activities of carpentry and in his corn field.

EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE

Children in rural communities throughout Comayagua, Honduras are lucky if they receive half the amount of school days they're supposed to in a year. Part of this is due to the cultural mindset of the parents that think it is more important for the children to stay home and help with the daily chores and part is because the teachers belonging to the public school system are not qualified for the work



they are expected to do and miss many school days because of lack of motivation or because they are on strike.

The Education for the Future program works towards decentralizing the educational system run by the national government by increasing the capacities of local municipal educational committees and training the local, one-room rural classroom teachers on the best teaching methodologies so that they feel encouraged and capable to do their jobs. The program currently supervises 100 schools and works with 13 different municipalities in Comayagua, Honduras. PAG partners with the PROHECO (Honduran Community Education Program) system, involving all of the 100 schools to carry out program activities. Other program activities include the construction and repair of school buildings as well as basic sanitary latrines for the children and teachers to use throughout the day.

Achievements 2012:

- 100 rural schools are being supervised on a weekly basis and managed under the Education for the Future program.
- 402 parents of children attending the PROHECO schools that make up the Community Educational Association were trained on administration, accounting and how to make sustainability and impact plans.
- 6 schools received a donation of new school desks and chairs for the students.
- 436 children participated in workshop lectures on gender, rights and the importance of education with the purpose of changing the cultural mindset of having children stay home from school to work with their parents. (Picture below)



- 16 decentralized educational school district committees were formed to manage local schools and supervise teachers.
- 108 PROHECO teachers participated in training where they learned how to create their own teaching materials and how to apply the teaching-learning method taught through a special workshop called "the 21st century teacher" (picture of workshop below).



Program beneficiaries from 2012 include:

133 one-room rural school teachers receiving ongoing training to improve their teaching abilities

436 school children are improving school attendance and academic performance.

402 parents that form part of the Community Educational Association who are now active in the management of the local schools.

Total: 971 direct beneficiaries

EDUCATION PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is Noé Zacarías Lazo and I graduated high school studying business administration. I have currently been working as the teacher in the school in the community of La Germania Arriba in Siguatepeque for two years. I am the only teacher in this school, so I am in charge of teaching 6 different grades which is a lot of responsibility and quite challenging considering the fact that I have never studied to be a teacher. I have to work very hard in order to give my best to the students every day.

The community of La Germania Arriba is very remote and far away from the main town which is why the Secretary of Education has not bothered to train the teachers in this area. However, everything changed once the Education for the Future program came to our community and “adopted” our school under their program. During this past year I have received four different trainings including how to teach and control a multi-grade class, how to make lesson plans, how to create teaching materials and a very motivating training called “the 21st century teacher”. This particular training was really what helped “wake up” the teacher within me even though I am not one academically. I have learned a lot through the trainings that the program has given me and now I feel proud and capable to be a teacher! The students have also reacted in a positive way to how I have been teaching and it is reflected in their behavior and grades.



Kids helping to bring in new donated school desks

In May of this year, our school received a PAG donation of new desks and chairs for the students. The school furniture that we had used before, was old and rotted and would give the kids splinters. This new furniture is a real blessing as the government has never provided us with anything as nice as this.

The students in my class have also benefitted greatly from the program as the program staff has come to talk to them about gender and child rights and about the importance of values and school attendance.

I truly am grateful for all that the program has given us here at the school and I am excited to continue teaching my students and to see what the years to come will bring us!



Noé's students receive training on gender and child rights



Noé's class with 6 different grade levels

BELÉN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM



Producer inside his greenhouse built for tomato production

The Belén Agro-Industrial program is changing the lives of Lenca Indian rural farmers in a way that they never imagined! located in the department of Ocotepeque in the Celaque Highland region on the west side of Honduras, the main objective of the program is to provide food security, marketing and income to 300 Lenca Indian producers that live within the region. These poor rural farmers traditionally only grew basic grains such as corn and beans. However, with the help of PAG's program and through being apart of the APROCEL producers' association established by PAG, the farmers now receive technical assistance and training in the best agricultural practices including planting plans, crop diversification methods, the installation of drip water irrigation systems, the construction and use of greenhouses and skills in marketing! The majority of these farmers that have no formal education past 3rd grade are learning how they can support their families and provide goods to markets all over Honduras!



Young farmer proud to show his successful lettuce production!

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RUTA-IAM program and the SG Foundation**

Achievements 2012:

- 50 female APROCEL producers are incorporated in agricultural productive practices including strawberry and lettuce patches and technical training.
- 250 male APROCEL producers are incorporated in creating planting plans, receive agricultural training and are learning about the marketing system.
- 3,000 square meters of greenhouses have been built for growing tomatoes and bell peppers.
- 8,000 square meters of macro-tunnel greenhouse-like structures have been built for growing lettuce, onion and bell peppers.
- 50 kilometers of drip water irrigation systems have been installed on lettuce, cabbage, carrot, broccoli, cauliflower, onion and tomato fields.
- 3,000 individuals have participated in agricultural training events, tours and lectures with the 300 APROCEL producers.
- 3,000,000 pounds of vegetables have been produced and marketed by the 300 APROCEL producers.
- 12,200 field visits have been made to the producers by the program's technical staff offering technical assistance.
- 10 kilometers of farm-to-market roads have been repaired in coordination with PAG, the municipalities and the communities.



Producer inside his macro-tunnel greenhouse

AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is Nahun Alberto Lopez and I live with my wife and three children in Belén Gualcho. Before joining PAG's agricultural program and the APROCEL producers' association, I cultivated a small amount of corn, sugar cane and potatoes that barely brought in enough money to support my family. I worked by myself and would sell whatever I could to intermediaries that lived within the region who would sell to the markets. Because the profitability of these crops was so low and because I did not know how to grow anything else, I considered migrating to another part of the country to find work in something else.

Then, things changed when I heard about the help that PAG was offering to small farmers in the area through their agricultural program and the APROCEL association. In 2008 I became a member of the association and began planting lettuce and carrots. The agronomists took the time to teach me how to take better advantage of the soil I had and how to grow quality crops that would bring in a better income for my family. Before, I harvested about 1,600 pounds of produce. Now I am harvesting 3,500 pounds in just carrots! I sell my produce directly to the markets and make three times the income that I did before. I have also taken advantage of PAG's credit opportunities and have been able to purchase an additional 2 acres of land. We have been able to improve our house and living conditions and send our children to school well fed and well dressed! I have also been able to hire two permanent employees to help me with my work and it is great to know that since I have been helped, I can help others as well by offering them work on my land!

I am very grateful to PAG and to the APROCEL Producers' Association. My family has seen a lot of good changes during these past 4 years and we know that there are even more to come!



Nahun working with irrigation pipes in front of his macro-tunnel greenhouses



Nahun installing a drip-water irrigation system for his lettuce plantation with help from a PAG technical team member.



Nahun standing with his wife and three children in front of their home.

YOUTH WITH VISION

The youth of Honduras are often times caught in the middle of several social risks due to the poverty situation, lack of employment, poor education and the high crime and drug rate. The goal of the Youth with Vision program is to strengthen the capacities and values of the youth to making healthy behavioral decisions regarding sexuality, drugs and vocational opportunities. The program works with both elementary and high school age students as well as young adults that do not attend school but that work as seasonal migrant workers. AIDS education is one of the main focuses of the YWV program as well as drug, alcohol and violence prevention and establishing a culture of peace by forming community youth leaders and teaching the children about life skills.



Vocational EXPO fair at local high school where students can display their products and promote entrepreneurship.

The program is very sustainable as PAG has been able to work alongside the schools and communities and has taught the youth how they can make an impact by sharing the information they have learned with others their own age. A new aspect of the program as of this year has been the incorporation of environmental education and teaching the students the importance of taking care of their communities and the environment around them.



Bird watching activity at environmental youth camp in PANACAM National Park.



Achievements 2012:

- 901 elementary school children living in communities around the PANACAM National Park have received training on healthy lifestyle behaviors and habits through the program's values training project carried out in coordination with the Honduran Bible Union.
- 429 parents have been reached through conferences focused on parenting entitled, "the parent I should be".
- 1 youth camp was carried out with 40 individuals at the PANACAM Lodge where the youth learned about leadership, vulnerability and the importance of taking care of the environment.
- 474 youth leaders from the communities participated in vocational workshops in jewelry making, baking, piñata making and handicrafts.
- 4 sporting events with the participation of 243 youth and children were carried out with the purpose of using the rules of soccer to educate the participants on values, leadership and other positive influences.
- 1,932 elementary and high school students have received HIV/AIDS education where they learned the ways of transmitting AIDS and how to prevent it.
- 2,274 youth have received educational lectures on the dangers of drug abuse. This is 91% of our annual goal!

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YOUTH WITH VISION PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is Irma Suyapa Palacios, I am 16 years old and in 6th grade. I grew up living in the community of San Isidro, Santa Cruz de Yojoa with my sister, two brothers and my mother. About three years ago, my mother had to flee the country because she was being severely mistreated and abused by our stepfather. She is currently living in Spain. After our mother left, our stepfather began to physically and verbally abuse me and my siblings. A neighbor filed a complaint and now he is in prison. After this happened, I took on the role of the mother taking care of my three younger siblings ages 14, 8 and 5. I became very depressed and because of this situation I have failed three grades in school.



Now we are currently living with our grandparents on my mother's side and they have been a huge blessing and support for us! After my mom left, I became involved in PAG's Youth with Vision program that I heard about through my school. I received counseling regarding my self-esteem and began participating in the values formation courses. This really helped me to improve the way I thought about myself and the rest of the world and helped me to understand that although I have not had a good past, I can have a good future! The best part however, about getting involved with the program, is that I started to learn about God for the first time and began to really understand what it means to have Him as your refuge and to have a personal relationship with Him!

Today I am involved in the YWV leadership program and actively participate in my church. I have attended several integral mission workshops which has helped me see how I can be used in the lives of other kids that might be going through a similar situation that I went through. My grandparents and the YWV program have been a tremendous support to me and I can see a complete change in my life. Although I am still very behind in school, I am making much better grades and have been on the honor roll these past two semesters. I used to be embarrassed that I was so much older than the rest of my classmates, but now I am confident about who I am and excited for my future.

I am involved in the San Isidro Environmental Committee and love to lead the community clean-up campaigns that we have once a month. I like knowing that I am contributing to the cleanliness of my community and feel like I have a purpose. Thanks to PAG and the YWV program I feel useful and have learned valuable life lessons that I would have never learned at home or at school. God bless you all for contributing to such a wonderful and necessary program that takes kids like me into account!



Irma leading an Environmental Committee activity of planting trees in her community. ↑ ↓



Irma with her grandparents, cousins and siblings



PASTORAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

With the harsh realities of the economic situation in Honduras, many parents struggle to even keep food on the table, let alone send their children to school. The Pastoral Youth Scholarship program is an educational program that provides financial scholarships and academic support to poor students living in the slum neighborhoods of Flor del Campo, Tegucigalpa. The program has quite an integrated focus including discipleship training for high school students and bible lessons for elementary students as well as a social projection component and a health and hygiene component for the whole family.

This year, a tutoring program called “Metas” has started under the Pastoral program, using the high school and college scholarship students with academic excellence to tutor other youth in the community that have a hard time with certain subjects.



Academic review classes for elementary students

Besides the financial scholarships and spiritual training, the students also get the chance to participate in vocational workshops where they learn practical skills to help bring additional income into their homes.



Scholarship students receive a uniform, shoes, new backpack and school supplies at the beginning of the school year!



Achievements 2012:

- 60 elementary school students received school scholarships (38 girls & 22 boys).
- 82 high school students received scholarships for secondary school (49 girls & 33 boys).
- 5 college age students received scholarships to go to the university (4 young women & one young man).
- A tutoring aspect was added to the program and all 82 high school scholarship students attended tutoring classes at different times throughout the year to get help with homework and study habits.
- High school scholarship students helped build concrete floors for three very needy families with volunteers from John Knox Presbyterian Church.
- 5 large group meetings were carried out with scholarship students' parents to discuss topics including family relationships and values in the home.
- Academic review classes were given for the 60 elementary scholarship students every Thursday this year.
- A total of 1,185 children attended the annual “Kids’ Club” event held on every Saturday during August where they learned about God’s Word, good morals and life skills.
- This year, a total of 16 scholarship students will graduate from high school and 22 scholarship students will graduate from elementary school.

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Trinity Episcopal Church and Ms. Margaret Standley**

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is Yajaira Hernández and I am 18 years old. First, I want to give thanks to God my creator for using some amazing people as instruments to give opportunities to others. Those individuals I am talking about are the people that work with Project Global Village and the donors that support our program from the United States. I am very grateful for the fact that I belong to the Pastoral Scholarship program because I have learned the importance of being committed to God, my family, my studies and helping others.



Several years ago I was quite distant from God and had a very low self-esteem because I was born with a deformity in my back which has not allowed me to grow normally. Kids used to make fun of me every day and I used to wish that I could die just to avoid the pain of being made fun of. My family has always been very poor and our house is old and falling apart. I thought that my life was not worth living before I had the opportunity to attend the program's youth camp that takes place every year at "Word of Life" camp. When I went to camp this past year, I had a very personal encounter with God and everything changed from that day on! I came back with a strong desire to live and to never look back because I know that with Him in my life, I can do anything and my identity is in Him and not in what everyone else thinks. I am grateful for the program for giving me the opportunity to help others and to share my love for Christ with them and also for the huge financial support that the scholarship has been for my mom.

Being a part of the program has also helped me to discover the leader within me as I have the opportunity to lead review classes for elementary school students in the program and even help tutor some of the high school scholarship students.

I will be graduating at the end of this year and hope to continue studying in college. None of this would have been possible without the help of PAG and the donors that contribute year after year. Thank you from my most sincere heart!

The house that Yajaira lives in with her mother and sister



Yajaira (right) with her mother (center) and sister (left)



← Yajaira with other girls from the program participating in a baking vocational workshop

DIACONOS PROGRAM

The **Diaconos program** is dedicated to strengthening church leaders and pastors by offering training in areas such as integral missions, political impact, community development and effective communication in the church. Churches from the northern region of Comayagua and the southern region of Cortes are involved in this program and are making a true impact in their communities.

The program staff has identified four vulnerable areas that every person has and where the church can step in to help. The four areas are spiritual life, social life, physical life and psychological life. The activities that are carried out by the Diaconos program involve meeting the needs of church members and community members through PAG's overall integral development strategy.



Canned meat being donated to church congregation to fundraise for social outreach projects



Mission trip to the mountain with donated clothes spread out on a tarp to give to those waiting in line (on right)

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words"

- Francis de Assisi



Achievements 2012:

- To date, a total of 100 church leaders and pastors are involved in the Diaconos program and have been trained in Integral missions, sustainable development, environmental stewardship, resource management and strategic planning.
- 30 community gardens have been planted with church leaders and members using recyclable materials such as old tires, plastic bottles and tin cans. This activity was carried out as an environmental development project to encourage community members to protect their natural resources and to recycle.
- 40 boxes of canned turkey meat were donated to various churches within the program's area of influence so that the pastors and church leaders could use them to raise funds for church outreach programs.
- A mission trip was taken to several villages in the mountains near the PANACAM national park where church members were able to demonstrate what integral missions is all about by sharing the Word of God with the families and distributing clothing and blankets.
- A benefit concert was put on by the church leaders themselves where the admission to the concert was a pound of either corn, sugar, rice or coffee. There were more than 1,000 people that came to the concert and over 1,000 pounds of food collected to be distributed to families in need.

Funded by: Tearfund England, Ms. Margaret Standley and

DIACONOS PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is Grevil Smith Rivas and I am the pastor of Community Christian Church in Taulabe, Comayagua. I am very grateful to Project Global Village and to the Diaconos program for teaching me the different ways to work with the community through the church. I have received several trainings on integral missions and environmental development and this year was the first year that our church participated in the family garden projects. I really enjoyed promoting this project to my church congregation because it helped them to see how we could reach out to others in the community by doing something simple and practical. Many community members that do not go to our church showed up to help plant the small gardens around the building and many left excited to do the same thing in their own homes with recyclable materials.



The greatest part about the family garden project was that it gave us a chance to talk to people about the love of God. The people were interested to know why we wanted to take care of the environment and we were able to tell them that God is a God of creation and that He wants us to take care of what He has blessed us with. This opened up the door to talk even more about how God loves us so much that He sent His son to die for us!

In conclusion, the project was very successful. We had a great time interacting with the people in our community, were able to share the gospel and made the outside of our church building look great!



Old tires made into planters



Recycled water bottles make nice planters!



Church congregation and community members standing in front of the garden made from recyclable materials.

“PRODUCING TO GROW” SMALL ANIMAL PROJECTS



Beneficiary shows tilapia fish that he has harvested from his pond

The “Producing to Grow” small animal projects were started with PAG’s micro-financing program as a way for poor families living in rural villages to gain an income and improve their nutrition at the same time. Once a family decides they want to take on the responsibility of managing their own pig, chicken, fish or bee project, they receive complete training and

technical assistance from PAG so that they know how to take care of the animals and build the necessary animal infrastructure (pig pens, chicken coops, fish ponds or bee-keeping boxes).

The families also receive training on how to reproduce the animals and how to commercialize them in the markets for income. This is a great advantage for families who have no land as they are able to start their own “animal farm business” right at their homes in their own communities. Many individuals from rural communities have opted to migrate to the bigger cities in order to find work. This project helps keep the smaller communities economically active and provides a nutritious protein diet to some of the most poor families in Honduras.

The Producing to Grow small animal program started in communities near the PANACAM National Park and has now moved south to benefit families that are involved in the CHAM community health and microcredit program living in Comayagua.



Achievements 2012:

- There are currently 134 families managing their own small animal projects.
- 45 improved pig pens were built with pig project beneficiary families.
- 12 improved chicken coops were built with chicken project beneficiary families.
- A total of 42 pigs were given to new families starting projects this year.
- A total of 250 chickens were given to new families starting projects this year.



- A total of 12,000 fish fingerlings were distributed amongst families starting fish projects this year.
- 37 families received training on nutrition in coordination with the CHAM community health program
- 45 new families received training on how to assist pigs during the birthing process and how to castrate the piglets.
- 37 new families received training on chicken reproduction and proper egg incubation.
- 50 families received training on the organization, operation and administration of a community savings bank for families participating in the program.
- 2 community savings banks were established for beneficiary families this year.

Funded by: Church of the Brethren and World Accord Canada

SMALL ANIMAL PROGRAM TESTIMONY

My name is Ana Rivera and I live in the community of Corinto, Meambar in Comayagua. My husband Miguel and I have six children and we became beneficiaries of PAG's animal projects at the beginning of this year. We had tried raising pigs before so that we could gain an income for our family, but we didn't know anything about it so it was not very successful for us. When we got involved with PAG's animal projects, we learned a lot of things such as how to build a proper pig pen (before we had our pigs roaming around in the open field and they would get stolen), how to apply vaccinations and medicines to our pigs, how to assist our pig during pregnancy and during the birthing process, how to make homemade animal food for our pigs and even how to get involved in the community markets so that we could start selling our products and gain an income.



Ana with her husband Miguel and their youngest son.

At first we felt very insecure because we had previously tried raising pigs and did a very poor job as many of the piglets ended up dying and we spent more money on the project than we made. Now that we know what we are doing, we are able to raise healthy piglets and sell them for \$35 - \$50 each one. This is money that we have never had before as a family! So far, we have had two litters of piglets. In one litter we had 13 and in the other we had 9. We have kept one piglet from each of these litters to eat and celebrate as a family. This year with our new income, we have been able to buy a larger variety of healthy foods to feed our children as well as soap, some clothes, medicines and school supplies.

Another reason why we are very grateful to be involved in PAG's project is because we have learned a lot about working together and being part of a community. Before, we kept mainly to ourselves and did not have any interaction with anyone else in our community. Through the trainings that we have received through PAG with other beneficiary families, we have learned the value of being social with other families and helping each other out! We have even started going to a church that another family with a pig project invited us to. We are truly grateful for PAG and for the opportunities that we've been given as a family during this past year!



Ana, Miguel and their five oldest children



The Rivera family's first litter of piglets through PAG's Producing to Grow program

PROGRESE MICROCREDIT PROGRAM

No access to bank financing, no guarantee, entrepreneur or small business owner... these are the types of clients that PAG's microcredit program supports. Our values in the Progrese microcredit program include **honesty, trust, loyalty and excellence**. The mission of the program is "to offer quality services contributing to our clients' business development", and that is exactly what we're doing in both urban neighborhoods throughout the capital city Tegucigalpa and in rural communities where folks need a little help starting their own agricultural projects in Cortes, Comayagua and Ocotepeque counties. The credit program is very attainable to the poor families in Honduras as it offers a very low interest rate as well as a low rate on late payments.



Mr. Héctor Ramírez has been able to expand his auto workshop in Tegucigalpa through loans he has received through the Progrese credit program.

The program's clients are not only offered financial loans, but also training on administration, customers and marketing. Families that thought they would never have the chance to start their own business and make a living are finding out that they can through this special program that PAG has been offering the community since 1993.

The profits that are gained from the Progrese credit program are invested back into the organization to provide additional loans to other PAG programs and the help with PAG administrative program costs.

*"Opportune Financial Solutions...
Big Changes!"*



Microcredit beneficiary with his own meat market.

Achievements 2012:

- The Progrese Microcredit program currently has offices in La Libertad, Flor del Campo Tegucigalpa, Siguatepeque and at the Celaque office.
- During 2012, the Progrese Microcredit program had loans provided to a total of 1,100 clients (60% of which are women and 40% men).
- There are currently \$2.1 million distributed in loans to the Progrese microcredit clients.
- The loan portfolio has grown 29% since the previous year from \$1.62 million.
- There has been a 32% growth in the number of active clients since the previous year.
- 15.6% of the loans provided are to agriculture producers living in rural farming communities throughout Ocotepeque.
- 72.7% of the total loans distributed are to urban microbusiness entrepreneurs living in Tegucigalpa.
- The average size of loans given to clients this year has been between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

MICROCREDIT PROGRAM *TESTIMONY*



My name is Rodolfo Vásquez and I am the owner of a small, local rosquilla factory. Rosquillas are a traditional corn-based cookie that is toasted and usually eaten with coffee. They are famous all throughout the country! When I began my business, it was only me, my son and my daughter-in-law working to make the rosquillas. We had one small oven and a very small area to work in. I heard about Project Global Village from a friend and learned that they offered loans to small business owners in town. I had wanted to expand my business in order to improve the living conditions of my family but I was not making enough of an income in order to do that. I had tried to get loans from the banks before but was always denied. The first time I met with a PAG microcredit staff member, I explained my dream of wanting to expand my business and for the first time ever I felt that someone believed in me! The first loan I received from PAG was for \$2,500. With this money I was able to buy a conventional oven so that we could bake more rosquillas at once and increase our product volume. After I paid back my first loan, I applied for another one for \$3,500. With this I was able to expand the factory and even hire more employees. Today I have 12 permanent employees and we produce an average of 70,000 rosquillas every day! We are doing much better off as a family and our factory name has spread across town and to other large cities including Comayagua, Danli and Siguatepeque. I am very grateful for PAG and for the help they have given us to strengthen our business.



After the rosquillas are baked in the oven, they are woven onto a thick piece of corn husk so that they can be hung in the market places where they are sold. This is an authentic and unique detail that Rodolfo has incorporated into his marketing strategy.



New oven that Mr. Vásquez was able to purchase with his first loan from PAG.



Employees work at making the rosquilla dough and forming the rosquillas into the proper shape before baking!

PANACAM NATIONAL PARK / LODGE



If you love hiking through the rainforest, swimming under waterfalls and being close to wildlife, then the PANACAM National Park would be your paradise! Project Global Village has been managing this national park for 20 years now and has dedicated its resources within the park to empower individuals and communities with the abilities to protect and have a direct impact in Natural Resource Management in the surrounding areas. The National Park development program consists of an environmental protection project which strives to instill a conservation mentality with the adjoining communities so that they will understand the importance of taking care of their natural resources and appreciate the concept of sustainability.

The park holds an important source of pristine water for the surrounding area as it provides clean drinking water to more than 70 communities within the zone. The park has a large diversity of exotic plants and birds as well as 3 different species of monkeys living in Honduras and 4 different species of large feline cats! The park also provides a scientific station for individuals interested in studying biological aspects of the park. The station is complete with lab equipment, computers and internet access, a weather station, GPS and trained field personnel.

The PANACAM National Park also offers a full-service tropical mountain lodge with cabins for families to stay in and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. The lodge accommodates a total of 110 individuals in 15 cabins. There is also a restaurant and a conference room fully-equipped with audio-visual technology for guests' meetings or conferences. All these facilities help finance the staff of the park services.



VOLUNTEER GROUPS

“It is no use walking anywhere to preach, unless our walking is our preaching” - Francis de Assisi

What better way to preach the gospel and to show God’s love than to go and literally be the hands and feet of Christ, sharing with the local people and helping to provide some basic needs such as clean drinking water or a concrete floor to families living in extreme poverty throughout Honduras. This is exactly what we have been able to do with our volunteers that have been a part of our **“Adopt a Village”** program benefitting a total of 8 villages to date! This program consists of completely transforming a poor, rural village by installing water systems, latrines with showers, cement floors and improved cooking stoves for all of the households in a community!

The churches that have participated in this program during 2012 are:

John Knox Presbyterian Church working in the village of Piedra Pintada

Trinity Episcopal Church working in the village of Zompoperos

Cathedral of Joy Church working in the village of La Cieniga



Cathedral of Joy team helps build house for rural family



Love: the universal language!



Beginning stages of water storage tank in the community of Zompoperos

Also this year, PAG sponsored the following 3 brigades which worked in rural communities offering various services:

A nutritional brigade through Medical Teams International (MTI)

An eye glasses brigade through International Relief Teams (IRT)

A dental brigade through Medical Teams International.



Beneficiary, stands happily with his new glasses next to IRT volunteer!



MTI volunteer (far right) leads a workshop on the proper way to wash hands and explains how it is linked to nutrition and health.



MTI volunteer cleaning the teeth of beneficiary living in a rural community

DONATED MATERIALS



Donated medicines on shelves of community health clinic in Tierra Blanca.



Donation of medicines has arrived and community members help to carry it into the health clinic



Heavy machinery for the construction and repair of roads especially in rural communities have been donated throughout the years by the Jack and Marie Eiting Foundation



PAG is blessed year after year with individuals, organizations and institutions that donate special materials to help keep our programs running or to provide where there is a specific need.

In 2012 we have received the following donations:

- Medicines for our community health programs from Direct Relief International, HOPE International, International Relief Teams and The Jack and Marie Eiting Foundation for a value of \$2,663,250.
- Emergency relief supplies including canned meat, blankets and hygiene supplies from Mennonite Central Committee and Church of the Brethren.
- School furniture for rural one-room school houses from Church of the Brethren volunteers and International Christian Aid.
- Various medical and dental supplies provided by International Christian Aid for community health clinics.



Donation of canned meat delivered to local church to be distributed to families in need after flooding in La Libertad. October 2012



School desks and chairs donated to village school in Comayagua.

CEDER HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

The residents of the Ceder home for the elderly are enjoying a quality of life that every person deserves once they become a senior citizen. The majority of these individuals were found abandoned by their families, wandering around and begging in the streets of Tegucigalpa, addicted to alcohol or physically and emotionally abused by society but they are now happily residing at the Ceder center where they share a social life with other older adults and receive counseling, medical attention and personal care from the kind staff. Many of the residents being either physically or mentally handicapped require more than just a hot meal and a bed to sleep in. That is why the Ceder center, working in all aspects of the residents' lives, is the perfect place for them to call home!

Funded by: The Patricia Eiting Foundation and Cathedral of Joy



Every year around Christmas time, the residents of the Ceder center are taken to a local mall where they spend time walking around, eating lunch at a nice restaurant and enjoying the Christmas lights and decorations! This is one of their special trips they look forward to all year!



PAG FINANCIAL BALANCE SHEET

July, 2011 - June/2012

<u>Current Assets</u>	Total
Cash and bank accounts	\$592,069
Loans given out	\$1,938,789
Other internal accounts receivable	\$57,630
Inventory	\$1,349,428
Total Current Assets	\$3,937,916
Net property, furniture & equipment	\$618,921
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,556,837
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable	\$241,472
<u>Fund Balance</u>	
At the beginning of the year	\$3,080,173
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses during the year	\$1,235,192
TOTAL FUND BALANCE AND LIABILITIES	\$4,556,837



REVENUE AND EXPENSES STATEMENT

<u>REVENUES</u>	Total
Donations	\$2,371,354
Interest earned	\$557,026
Donations in-kind	\$2,663,235
Other revenue (rent, inventories and other)	\$420,303
TOTAL REVENUES	\$6,011,919
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Food Security Agro-Industrial Programs	\$966,937
Civil Society, Education, Domestic Violence	\$400,180
Community Health Care Program & Microcredits	\$631,190
Medicines donated to communities	\$1,643,964
Panacam National Park Development Project	\$158,209
Flor del Campo Scholarships	\$55,512
Housing, road construction, emergency program, Other	\$598,034
Central administration costs-Tegucigalpa 10%	\$276,996
Depreciation and financial reserve expenses	\$45,705
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,776,727
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$1,235,192

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