PAG’s Development Programs

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

VISION
A leading organization, which empowers capabilities and resources of communities, opening opportunities for development.

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.
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PAG’s First Community Meeting in 1982

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### FROM THE BEGINNING: OUR THIRTY-FIVE YEAR TIMELINE

**1982-2018**

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| 1983 | PAG is legally incorporated as a non-profit development organization in Honduras.  
· Yure River Basin development project started in healthcare, literacy, water systems, housing, and food production in Cortés County in Central Honduras.  
· Belén soil and water conservation project which led to crop diversification and agricultural training in Ocotepeque County in Western Honduras. |
| 1985 | San Isidro Community Health Clinic constructed in San Isidro and Santa Cruz de Yojoa, Cortés County. |
| 1987 | Agricultural diversification program started in Belén Gualcho in Ocotepeque County in Western Honduras. |
| 1988 | Flor del Campo project started with John Knox Presbyterian Church to improve the living conditions in urban slum areas, construction of houses and access to electricity and water. |
| 1989 | Lenca Indian Farm Producer’s Association (APROCEL) established in Belén Gualcho, Western Honduras, focusing on apples, peaches, and commercial vegetable production and processing for local markets. |
| 1990 | Micro Credit Program started in urban Tegucigalpa (home improvement and small business loans). Humuya River Basin development project started with agricultural training for commercial scale for production in Central Honduras. |
| 1992 | Honduran Government entrusted to PAG the management of the Blue Mountain Meámbar National Park (PANACAM), the most critical hydroelectric and domestic water watershed in the country.  
· Las Lajas agricultural diversification development project started with agriculture and healthcare in Central Honduras.  
· Pastoral and Youth Scholarship program started in Flor del Campo, urban slum of Tegucigalpa to address problems with youth gangs and lack of employment. |
| 1993 | Crop diversification started by planting over 300,000 apple and peach trees in Belén Gualcho in Western Honduras. |
| 1994 | First fruit and jam steam operated processing plant opened in Belén Gualcho in Western Honduras. |
| 1997 | Construction of the first agricultural packing center with cold storage rooms to improve commercialization of vegetable production for Lenca Indian farmers in Belén Gualcho.  
· Beginning of infrastructure development program with the opening and building of 120 km of farm to market access roads in Western Honduras, using PAG’s heavy equipment. |
| 1998 | Post Hurricane Mitch rural reconstruction program begins for Northern and Central Honduras.  
· Emergency Relief program started in affected areas in central Honduras. |
| 1999 | Deborah program initiated to reduce domestic violence of women and children in 24 municipalities of Central Honduras. |
2000 • First ferry boat, “Ms. Pamela”, constructed for transporting vehicles and people across a two mile stretch of water of the El Cajón dam.

2001 • Los Pinos & La Naturaleza Park Centers were created as profit generation centers to fund the development and protection activities of the 312 square km PANACAM Park.
• A second ferry boat, ”Mr. Robert”, was constructed for use on the El Cajón dam.

2002 • First maternal/childcare clinic constructed and equipped in Las Lajas, Comayagua County in Central Honduras.
• Small Animal Microbusiness Projects initiated to improve family incomes in Comayagua County, Central Honduras.

2003 • CHAM Community Health Program started in Central Honduras, covering all of Comayagua County.
• PAG awarded the Pan-American World Health Organization Community Health Award for outstanding implementation of trained community volunteer health workers.
• PROLENCA education program started in 35 Lenca Indian communities in Comayagua with the construction of 140 new school classrooms.

2004 • Construction of a second fruit and vegetable receiving and packing center in Los Arroyos, western Honduras to serve agricultural producers in this area.
• “Communicating Life”, a youth HIV/AIDS prevention program began in San Isidro and Santa Cruz de Yojoa in Central Honduras, working with 400 youth.
• Diakonos Pastoral Training Program started with local pastors in Comayagua County.

2005 • PAG is awarded the first finalist in the Honduras National Environmental Protection Award.

2007 • Celaque Agro-Industrial Program started in Belén Gualcho, Western Honduras to increase food production.

2008 • New cabins, kitchen, and dining center built in PANACAM Park to expand and provide tourism services.

2009 • Ojos de Agua Agro-Development/Irrigation Project started in Central Honduras (160 acres) of irrigation.
• PAG awarded the 2009 Honduras National Environmental Protection Award for the management of the PANACAM National Park. *Highest environmental award achievement in Honduras!

2011 • Celaque Community Health Program started in Lenca Indian communities of the highlands of Belén Gualcho, Ocotepeque County.

2012 • Three large irrigation systems constructed in Northern Comayagua El Espino valley (360 acres).

2013 • Construction of a community health clinic and maternal/childcare birthing hospital in Belén Gualcho, serving 68 communities and more than 35,000 individuals.

2015 • Better Life Program started to improve living conditions for 4,500 rural families: housing, sanitation, small businesses, and home improvement.

2016 • PAG’s Micro Credit Program opened a new office in Comayagua County, Central Honduras.

2017 • Employing Futures Program started for youth living in slum urban areas (job creation for slum youth in Tegucigalpa).
• Construction of a medicine restocking warehouse to resupply community pharmacies in Ocotepeque County, Western Honduras.

2018 • Vegetable plant production greenhouse constructed in Los Arroyos, Western Honduras.
• Construction of 10 new cabins in PANACAM Park. La Naturaleza and PANACAM Lodge Park Centers were created as “for profit” businesses to economically fund and sustain the development and protection of the PANACAM Park forest and watershed.
CHAM & CELAQEU COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN HONDURAS

2003-2018 | 1,910,969 Beneficiaries
- 105,000+ babies’ nutritional growth monitored monthly through AIN-C strategy.
- 502 community owned pharmacies attending 2,200 communities with health services and medicines serving a population of 1.8 million.
- Approx. 1,800,000 persons have received direct medical attention.
- 600 community health volunteers trained in nutrition and primary health education.
- 21 regional medicine restocking warehouse centers established to resupply 502 community owned pharmacies.
- 5,869 women have received a PAP smear screening test for cancer.

PROGRESE MICRO CREDIT PROGRAM

1990-2018 | 160,000 Beneficiary families
- 160,000 urban and rural clients have received loans since 1993.
- 4 PAG micro credit offices operating in Flor del Campo, Tegucigalpa, Comayagua, Siguatepeque, and Belen Guachochi.
- US $30,473,000 of loans have been given in 25 years.
- US $4.9 million in loans were disbursed in 2018

JAPANESE FUNDED IRRIGATION PROJECTS COMAYAGUA, CENTRAL HONDURAS

2015-2018 | 1,800 Beneficiaries
- 1,800+ rural farmers have benefited from drip irrigation systems on their land plots.

CELQAEU AGRO INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM IN WESTERN HONDURAS

1993-2018 | 3,500 Beneficiaries
- 2,500+ farming families have been trained and have tripled their income through agricultural activities.
- 5 community packing centers and 2 large regional packing centers built for packing, storing, and marketing vegetables.
- 17 large irrigation systems installed to guarantee year round food production and to counter climatic change.
- 6 formal agricultural marketing centers established for the commercialization of products in San Pedro Sula with 15 million people.
- Over 25 million pounds of vegetables and fruits have been produced and marketed.
- Celaque irrigation pipeline - 23 kms long is still under construction, waiting for the 6” steel pipe to complete line.

PASTORAL AND YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN URBAN SLUMS, TEGUCIGALPA

1992-2018 | 65,252 Beneficiaries
- 1,600 primary school children, 2,400 secondary high school students, and 45 university students have received scholarships.
- 4,052 children and youth have received training on moral and spiritual values, leadership, interpersonal relationships, and teamwork.
- 57,600 children have participated in the Children’s Bible School Club.
- 140 new classrooms constructed in Comayagua county.
DEBORAH PROGRAM

1999-2018 | 48,000 Beneficiaries

- 15,135 persons have received counseling and legal services.
- 23 municipal Deborah program legal staff received training to provide assistance to local women.
- 45,000+ individuals have received information and have been made aware of domestic violence prevention through promotional campaigns, educational materials, social media, and the local media.

PANACAM PARK

1992-2018 | 35,000 Visitors

- 5,500+ farmers and leaders from 68 communities trained in watershed management, fire control, and management of natural resources.
- 25 cabins, a conference center, and a restaurant constructed at PANACAM Lodge to attend visitors to the park.
- 1,900,000+ trees planted and 15+ watersheds protected.
- Expansion of PANACAM Park land from 25 square kms to 313 kms expansion of park land.
- 1 Hotel, 1 restaurant, a conference center, a butterfly house, and meeting rooms constructed in “La Naturaleza Center” (The Nature Center) to generate funding for the park.
- 13,000 visitors came to the park in 2018.

IMPACT OF PAG's DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN HONDURAS

1983 - 2018

VIDA MEJOR / BETTER LIFE / LIFE IMPROVEMENT APPROACH—COUNTRY WIDE

2015-2018 | 307,600 Beneficiaries

- 13,400 families benefiting with healthy houses.
- 3,500 families benefitted with small family business projects (chickens, pigs, goats)
- 289,700 families have access to 310 new community owned pharmacies and health attention in their areas
- 500 family sanitary modules (latrine, shower, and clothes washing tank) constructed.
- 500 new houses built in rural areas.

SMALL ANIMAL MICRO BUSINESS PROJECTS
CENTRAL AND WESTERN HONDURAS

2002-2018 | 2,300 Beneficiary families

- 2,300 families benefiting directly by managing their own small animal microbusiness project.
- 625 families have benefitted from chicken projects by consuming and selling eggs and chicken meat.
- 500 families have benefitted from pig projects by consuming and selling pork meat.
- 535 families have benefitted from fish projects by consuming and selling fresh tilapia.
- 255 families have benefitted from honey bee projects by selling bottles of honey.

DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE
CENTRAL AND WESTERN HONDURAS
(Rural roads, irrigation, greenhouses, waterdams, ferry boats)

1997-2018 | 250,000 Beneficiaries

- 160+ km of new farm to market rural roads opened and 1,200+ km of road repaired.
- 17 large greenhouses built.
- 2 ferry boats constructed to haul farm produce, coffee, vehicles, and cattle to markets for commercialization.
- 17 large irrigation systems built to benefit 600+ families
- 221 community drinking water systems built
- 6 irrigation water collection dams constructed.
Dear Friends and Supporters,

It seems like only yesterday when Proyecto Aldea Global (Project Global Village) began working in twelve villages in the Lake Yojoa area of central Honduras. Thirty-five years ago, a small group of farmers came together to seek solutions to their farming problems and how to improve their quality of life for their families. Their demands were simple such as access to basic health care services and medicines, improved education for their children, additional income with better corn and bean production and grain storage, a better house with a concrete floor, bathroom, and running water were but a few of the basic needs on their wish list.

In developed countries these problems are mostly resolved by their government but in Honduras, many poor remote communities face these problems alone. Private non-profit organizations like Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG) work locally to facilitate development programs that are ongoing and sustainable through the formation of local leaders who lead their communities. In thirty-five years we have seen countless positive changes and achievements, however, still a great percentage of the rural population continues to live at poverty levels and so, our work continues.

I invite you to read about the work being done in Honduras and how we work on forming the local human infrastructure which offers more local sustainability. The communities work very hard alongside our committed staff, the majority have worked with PAG for more than twenty-five years. I thank our remarkable staff who are committed Christians and whose daily work is their life’s mission. We are very grateful for your prayers, donations, and for the larger institutional support which helps us to implement remarkable achievements that have touched the lives of the very poor in Honduras over the past thirty-five years.

Recent top-level decisions in the US have cut off all US aid to three Central American countries, Honduras being one of them. Five development programs of Proyecto Aldea Global have been affected. We acknowledge that this has become a real challenge for us. We ask for your prayers as we navigate through these changes. We are confident that God is with us and He will guide us as only He can.

Thank you for walking alongside us during these years and for your long term commitment to PAG and Honduras over the next several decades!

Chet Thomas
Executive Director

Proyecto Aldea Global
PAG has developed two large community health programs to improve the quality of life of vulnerable families living in remote and excluded communities in Central and Western Honduras. The CHAM Community Health Program provides basic health services for families living in Comayagua and Cortés Counties (Central Honduras) and the Celaque Community Health Program for families in the municipalities of Belén Gualcho, San Manuel, Copán, and San Sebastian in Ocotepeque County (Western Honduras).

**AIN-C:** Since 2003, more than 105,000 babies’ growth has been monitored. In 2018 alone, our 505 trained community health workers monitored the monthly weight of 3,148 children (2,585 CHAM & 563 Celaque) under 2 years of age. The malnutrition rate decreased from 39% in 2011 to 9% in 2018.

**Maternal Health:** The CHAM health program also has an educational component. In 2018, 998 mothers received education on nutrition, exclusive breastfeeding, family planning, postpartum complications, and treatment of diarrhea in newborns. In addition, 361 pregnant women received prenatal supplements and maternal health education. Besides, the program staff has performed 5,869 PAP smear screening tests for women during 2016-2018 and is empowering women of childbearing age to have this screening test completed on a regular basis. The PAP smear screening test has literally saved the lives of hundreds of mothers who had tumors and serious infections.

**Community owned pharmacies:** Both health programs provide a much broader scope of health services through the community-owned pharmacies. In 2018 alone, 502 community owned pharmacies provided a total of 173,817 primary care services to patients with common illnesses, such as intestinal worms, respiratory diseases, gastritis, and rheumatoid arthritis. Direct counseling, medicines, and lab exams are also provided to patients with diabetes and high blood pressure. The program pays its own costs and is almost self-sufficient. Ongoing training is needed.
LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT APPROACH (LIA)

*Supported by Jack & Marie Eiting Foundation

PAG implements programs and projects aimed at improving the living conditions of extremely poor families, actions that by themselves would not happen. For this reason, PAG uses the Life Improvement Approach strategy as a common theme in all programs and projects. LIA has two fundamental pillars: the formation of a self-help program to improve the everyday aspects of family life for a more dignified healthy, physical, and mental environment.

To improve overall basic sanitation in the communities, hundreds of water systems have been built to date, supplying thousands of families with water. In addition, 764 sanitary units (showers, clothes washing tank, and toilet) have been built.

We worked with hundreds of families with limited economic resources to help improve their living conditions with the Life Improvement Approach focusing on house improvement. Positive results are seen in families throughout the Comayagua County who regularly participate in workshops activities: ordering and cleaning of houses, plastering of walls, plastering of kitchens, and installing new wood burning stoves. Families also become involved in the development of their communities with community cleaning campaigns, repairing street and access roads, and organizing community action committees.

In 2018 alone, 95 families in Ocotepeque County grew and harvested wheat and generated income from selling homemade wheat bread, 63 families made hand-embroider tablecloths, 122 reproduced baby chicks, and 28 families are constructing houses of better quality materials. Additionally, more families in the Comayagua County have installed family gardens to produce various crops for family consumption and others have learned to prepare more nutritious foods with the crops they grow.
In 2015-2018, PAG continued improving the living conditions of families living in poverty in the Celaque Mountains and in Central and Western Honduras by building healthy living environments. These projects included the construction of concrete floors for houses, clothes washing tanks, metal roofs, showers, and latrines which has a direct positive impact on many hundreds of communities in improving the health of beneficiary families, especially the health of children. PAG also helped families start their own small animal micro business income projects with chickens, pigs, and goats to help them generate additional income. New houses were also built.

With the support of the Secretary of Development and Social Inclusion (SEDIS in Spanish), a total of 13,345 families benefited directly since 2015. PAG implemented this program in different municipalities of La Paz, Comayagua, Cortés, Yoro, Atlántida, Olancho, Valle, Choluteca, Ocotepeque, Copán, and Lempira Counties.
One of thousands of irrigation projects. Belén Gualcho. 2007

Crafted avocado trees. Comayagua 2002

PAG’s first greenhouse in Belén to produce vegetable plants. 2011
Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG) has worked in the Celaque Highland with Lenca and Chorti Indian farmers for over 30 years. Crop diversification and technical assistance was nonexistent in Belen Gualcho, Ocotepeque twenty five years ago before PAG’s presence with its agricultural development program. Rural farmers only cultivated traditional beans and corn, obtaining only one harvest per year making an average monthly income of USD 83.00. Since the beginning of the Belen Gualcho project in 1987, PAG has improved farmers’ capacity and production skills through technical assistance, application of best agricultural practices, use of modern production technologies, developing more irrigation and green houses, and supplying the necessary infrastructure to produce high quality products for commercialization in markets in the larger cities in Honduras. Farmers’ income and food security has improved. Now with irrigation systems they can grow at least three different crops a year with an average monthly income of USD 400.00 and they can deal better with climate changes.

In the past several years, several million tons of 16 different horticultural products were sold in local markets (Wal-Mart being one of the main buyers).

In the same project, a processing business (PROEBEL) was started by PAG but taken over by local Lenca Indian women, who process vegetable and fruits into added value products (jams, nectars, juices, wine, tomato sauce, and pickled vegetables). This year, these finished products were produced and sold in local and regional markets. In addition, this group of highly motivated women also manage a large vegetable plant production greenhouse to produce and sell more than 1.3 million different types of vegetable plants to local farmers yearly. A second plant production center was constructed in Los Arroyos that will produce 1.5 million plants per month in 2019.

PAG’s program staff also trained 960+ farmers in horticultural topics, including: standardization of horticultural products, soil management and conservation, cultivation of crops under protected structures (greenhouses), integrated pest management, proper use of irrigation and conservation of water, among others. Seventeen irrigation systems to produce year round vegetable crops has had a big impact on local economic development as water is the limiting natural resource that greatly reduces climatic change and Belén has challenges because of severe lack of water.

PAG is also finishing a 23 mile, 6 inch pipeline to bring more irrigation water to the Celaque highlands to increase food production.
The Integrated Production System program (SIP) was started in 2012 with the financial support from the Japanese 2KR Aid program to improve the agricultural competitiveness of horticultural producers living in the communities of Guacamaya, Cacahuapa, Calpules, and La Danta in Comayagua County.

The program has accomplished:

- A strengthened community financing and family improvement with the KAIZEN approach
- More availability of resources to finance productive activities
- A strengthened production system through the appropriate use of technologies to improve crop productivity and increase family income
- Trained and assisted producers in the sale of their products to ensure compliance with the market’s requirements.
- Two gravity irrigation system that will provide water to more than 400 acres of land.

In 2018, a total of 4,344,803 pounds (2,173 tons) of sweet potatoes and oriental vegetables were harvested and exported, generating L. 18,480,507.85 ($ 756,065.00 USD) in gross sales with a net profit of 30% ($ 226,820.00). Also, 50 new permanent jobs and 100 new temporary jobs in primary production were generated to benefit the families living in surrounding areas.

The SIP program also provides technical assistance and organizational and financial strengthening to producers. In 2018, 158 producers (14 women and 144 men) were trained in topics related to adequate management of their crops and irrigation systems. In addition, two local community savings and loans associations are now supporting producers with resources to finance farm activities related to agricultural production and start a small business in the community.

The farmers using the irrigation systems pay a water usage fee for capitalizing the local farm group.
A photo of the PANACAM Lodge Center at the entrance to the 312 square km PANACAM Park.
PAG has invested twenty-six years of hard work in the conservation, development, and management of the 205 square miles of the Meámbar Blue Mountain National Park (PANACAM in Spanish), an invaluable Honduran national environmental treasure that has become a model for the entire Honduran park system. PANACAM Park operates two tourist businesses that generate an income to cover park expenses so that it will be sustainable economically in the future.

The wildlife, as well as the endemic birds, plants and a major source of water to two hydroelectric dams, makes the park a truly unique place in Honduras, bringing many tourists from all over the world to see its variety of birds and natural resources. PANACAM is a very friendly family park that provides clean drinking water to more than 70 surrounding communities and supplies water to help generate 390 megawatts of hydroelectric power for all Honduras. The mountains in PANACAM provide forest and water scenery, hiking, bird watching, and kayaking on the beautiful Yure River Dam.

PAG’s park employees dedicate considerable time and resources within PANACAM to instill a conservation mindset in individuals and surrounding communities to protect the natural resources in and around the park. Several watershed protection action plans are being implemented to protect and maintain more than 15 watersheds to benefit the 312 square kilometer of park area (205 square miles) with water and reforestation.

In 2018, PAG provided environmental education tours to 12,500 students, teachers, and community leaders to raise awareness in conservation activities of the park. In the reforestation process, 30,000 pine and fruit trees native to the park’s ecosystem, were planted in the micro watersheds of Las Pavas, and Cerro Azul watersheds. More than 13,000 visitors from Honduras and around the world visited the park in 2018.

PAG has been recognized as being a very effective manager of the protected area, a task which has been applauded by the government of Honduras. PAG was awarded the 2009 Honduran National Environmental Protection Award, which is the highest environmental award given in the country.
The Producing to Grow (PTG) program helps low-income families living in remote communities throughout Comayagua County to benefit from managing their own small animal micro business projects. The beneficiary families are trained by PAG to properly care for the animals, to construct the animal pens or enclosures, to make homemade animal concentrate, and to assist the mother pig during the birthing process, among other topics. These families benefit directly with improved nutrition from the products derived from the animals and increased income through the sale of the animals and its byproducts in local markets. Each family has an obligation to “pass on the blessing”, of a pig, chicken, or bees to another family in need.

The PTG program benefited 71 families living in 12 rural communities located in the edges of the Meámbar Blue Mountain National Park (PANACAM) in Comayagua County.

In 2018, 33 families living in 6 rural communities benefited from the chicken breeding project. These 33 families sold eggs, generating food and additional income. Eighteen (18) new families benefited from “pass on the blessing” by hatching eggs to start their own chicken breeding project.

Also, 25 families in 6 other local communities are benefiting from the pig breeding project. These 25 beneficiaries managed to breed 281 piglets in 2018 and 18 new families benefiting from “pass on the blessing” to start their pig breeding project. In the Tilapia fish farming project, 12 beneficiary families in 4 communities harvested 1,150 pounds of tilapia for family consumption and for sale. Honey bee project beneficiary families sold 302 bottles of honey worth L.150.00 each, earning additional income of USD 1,858.00 in year 2018.

Since 2002, PAG has benefitted more than 5,800 families with the small animal micro business projects. While the income seems low, these families benefit from the much needed extra income.
Economic opportunities for poor families living in rural and urban areas were very limited, so Proyecto Aldea Global (PAG) created the PROGRESE rural micro credit program in 1990 to promote the development of micro and small businesses to generate sustainable employment and reduce family poverty.

The PROGRESE program seeks to improve family income and living conditions of its beneficiaries by providing them with opportunities to start small businesses and improve their lives. Flexible credits are offered at competitive interest rates through solidarity loans to create new local employment and increase production.

PROGRESE Strategic Activities:
- Quick access to capital—within 3 days.
- Training, entrepreneurship and commercial development training programs are added.
- Partnerships are carried out with other non-profit institutions.

In 1993 the program started with a seed capital of $11,000 USD. Currently, PROGRESE has $4.9 million in its loan portfolio. The number of clients has grown consistently year to year. This year, PROGRESE has 3,150 clients, representing a 14% growth from 2016.

The loan program also helps finance some of PAG’s program expenses. In addition, the program supplies scholarships for 215 primary, secondary school and university students, contributing USD 66,520 this new year. This scholarship fund, in a number of years, will soon cover the current level of scholarships, as the program continues to grow.
Flor del Campo is part of a slum area on the west side of the capital city where over 100,000 people live in urban poverty. Started in 1992, PAG’s Pastoral Program has provided high-risk children and youth with a scholarship to give them access to formal education and a new future. In addition, children and youth receive spiritual counseling and tutoring sessions which help them overcome the abuses they have often received since childhood.

We work hard to:

- Prevent children and youth from dropping out of school and from entering low level child labor markets, helping them to stay away from gang activities and attend a PAG program to develop life skills and instill Christian values.
- Promote and strengthen the scholarship student’s spiritual and life skill values for them to succeed and to help benefit their families and communities.

In 2018, 212 student scholarships were awarded to 80 primary school students, 100 high school students, and 32 university students. Scholarship students’ grade point averages this year are: primary school 96%, secondary school 92%, and university 80%.

In addition, a Children’s Bible School Club was carried out in 5 local schools in Comayaguela (the sister city of Tegucigalpa and in some of the most conflictive slum neighborhoods in that area). A total of 1,864 children were provided special training in spiritual and moral values and the love of God through a program presented by PAG’s students which was fun and the messages were strong.
PAG also held a leadership training course, “Lead Today”, in partnership with the Student Crusade of Honduras and John C. Maxwell’s ONE HOPE ministries where 111 youth participated, learning about integrity, self-discipline, teamwork, effective communication, among many other topics. The young participants organized several social service activities to serve poor older individuals in hospitals and nursing homes and to put into practice the knowledge and service skills obtained through the training.

Testimonial

I am Lesli Xiomara Quiñonez Castillo. I am majoring in Accounting and Finance at the Vicente Caceres High School Institute. I have been a scholarship beneficiary for the past 7 years. I was in 4th grade when I was first approved for a scholarship from the Pastoral and Youth Scholarship Program. My life has changed since then. I have met other children my age with the same interests. I continually receive counselling and encouraging words to improve my academic performance and spiritual life. I have benefited from the Christian formation classes imparted every Thursday, where I learn to have a closer walk with God.

Thanks to the Pastoral and Youth Scholarship Program, I have learned to develop social and communication skills, enabling me to speak in public without any fear. I have also participated in the yearly youth camps where I have had the opportunity to worship God and share experiences and great moments of joy alongside other scholarship students and donors.

All these activities have changed my life. I have learned to be a better person, to value every effort my family has done, and to be grateful for the access I have to a formal education. Thank you Proyecto Aldea Global!
One of PAG’s fundamental commitments is to prevent and reduce domestic violence and provide legal aid to victims and survivors to ensure that equal justice is applied and their rights are protected. The Deborah Program has expanded its scope of work, focusing on promoting and defending human rights of vulnerable groups of people (children and youth, women, people with HIV, senior adults, and other disadvantaged groups) in 21 municipalities of Comayagua County and 2 municipalities of Cortés County.

The program focuses on implementing a capacity-building approach to local leaders between municipal government and civil society with three specific interventions:

- Strengthening legal and psychosocial capacity of municipal employees to better serve the victims of domestic violence locally.
- Strengthen the local municipal government, state institutions and local civil society organizations and groups to prevent and deal publically with local domestic violence cases.
- Political incidence in the promotion and defense of human rights of vulnerable groups of people in each community of each municipality.

Since 1999, PAG’s Deborah program has provided counseling and legal services to 15,135 individuals. In 2018 alone, PAG’s civil society organizations and justice operators responded to more than 1,738 cases of domestic violence and other related violations of human rights.

Since 2016, PAG has trained the staff of 120 civil society community organizations, 85 community facilitators of justice and the local staff of 31 local municipal offices who participated in capacity building trainings, learning to provide legal and psychological assistance in order to strengthen legal skills to better attend the violation cases.

The Deborah Program continues to appear in local TV stations, radio, and in social media to raise awareness and to promote the services for the protection of human rights.
Testimony: Katy is the coordinator of the Municipal Office for Women in the municipality of Meámbar, Comayagua County. One month after becoming coordinator, Katy received a complaint of domestic violence against an elderly lady. The municipality of Meámbar has had an increase in domestic violence in recent years. For this reason, the Deborah program has strengthened the abilities of the leaders of the Municipal Office for Women through specialized trainings on issues of advocacy and promotion of rights, where Katy has been a beneficiary of the program.

Mrs. Mercedes, the 70 year old lady who lives with her 28 year old daughter, her 35 year old son-in-law, and a 6 year old granddaughter, went to the Municipal Office for Women to seek help, as she had been a victim of verbal and physical abuse from her son-in-law. Katy, with her short work experience, counseled Mrs. Mercedes by relying on PAG’s manual, “What to do when...” (PAG’s handbook for human rights violations) and to assist her to file a complaint for intrafamily violence. Through this action, Mrs. Mercedes entered a legal process which resulted in her son-in-law’s judicial arrest.

After two months of the arrest, Mrs. Mercedes returned to Katy, concerned and disturbed, reporting that the aggressor had regained his freedom and had returned to the house. “My son-in-law has returned from prison with a more violent attitude, accusing me for his detention”, stated Mrs. Mercedes. Additional aggression extended to her granddaughter.

At this, Katy relied on the paralegal officers of the Deborah program to request support and accompaniment to file another complaint with Mrs. Mercedes. Katy and Mrs. Mercedes appeared before the child protection office in the municipality of Siguatepeque, to file a complaint for child abuse. Once the case was heard by the prosecutor’s office and after a psychological and medical examination, Katy expected to see an immediate response by the local authorities and apprehension of the aggressor. However, the prosecutor’s office determined that there was no physical abuse but only a crime of acts of lust for which Mrs. Mercedes’ son-in-law was not detained for.

Katy filed yet another complaint at a Deborah program training, where child protection prosecutors attended. The case was re-opened and followed-up on resulting in the imprisonment of the son-in-law for crime of acts of lust, for which he continues to be imprisoned in the Comayagua County prison.

“This has been a valuable learning experience in my duties as coordinator of the Municipality for Women,” said Katy. She feels supported by the Deborah program in the accompaniment and support they provide to victims and the local government. She hopes to see a decrease in the incidence of violence as more women are empowered to defend their rights.

* The names have been changed to maintain confidentiality.
Like most Central American countries, Honduras is having serious problems with large urban youth populations that have no job opportunities and that are heavily influenced by gangs and delinquency. Young people living in high crime areas are not prepared to take a job and they have difficulty finding a job. PAG, in coordination with USAID, has undertaken training actions to help develop and prepare young participants with new attitudes and social & technical skills to help them find a responsible job.

The Employing Futures Program, which started in 2017, aims to increase income generating job opportunities for more than 600 at-risk youths living in the slums of Flor del Campo and nearby neighborhoods, many of whom never finished secondary school. Youth are trained in personal life and basic job skills, receiving behavioral cognitive therapy and mentorship to help define or correct their behaviors (values, gender, leadership, self-esteem, human rights, among others).

In 2018, 772 young participants from ages 16 to 30 years from 12 different communities completed the first phase of the training. These trainees are now being referred to technical training centers where they are receiving final training in technical skills to insert them in the formal labor market.

We acknowledge that this program is a real challenge for us, as these are high risk students coming from very difficult urban slum backgrounds. But we are confident that God is with us and that He will guide us through this process of preparing young participants to succeed in life and become good citizens and stay in Honduras.
PAG continues to invest in different infrastructure projects to improve human health, people’s living conditions in rural areas, boost economic growth, and create sustainable jobs. Access is the key to making PAG’s development programs run smoothly.

In 2018, PAG completed the following projects:

- Irrigation water system repaired in the community of La Mohaga.
- Water system repaired in the community of Caudate in Belén Gualcho to benefit at least 40 families.
- One new water system was constructed in the community of Llano Largo Belen Gualcho to benefit at least 32 families.
- Construction of 30 sanitary modules (shower, toilet, and water tank) to benefit 30 families in the communities of Suyande and Pitillo in Belen Gualcho.
- A new greenhouse constructed in Los Arroyos scheduled to produce 3 million vegetable seedlings every four months in 2019.
- Maintenance of rural “farm to market” roads using PAG’s “dated” road equipment.
Honduras is highly vulnerable to climatic changes. Weather changes in Central America cause droughts, floods, and hurricanes, which can be life-threatening or deadly. PAG began responding to emergencies when Hurricane Mitch hit Honduras in 1998, affecting thousands of families. On October 2018, after heavy rains hit the central and southern half of Honduras, houses, water systems, infrastructure, and crops on the Pacific Coastal plain in Choluteca County were damaged or destroyed. Families experienced the loss of their livelihood, their houses were damaged or destroyed, losing their food supply and household belongings. The majority of the poor houses in this area are made out of stick walls and mud, which dissolved in the deep flood waters.

PAG, in partnership with Amor Viviente (Living Love) Church in Choluteca County, supplied food, health kits, canned chicken meat, basic medicines, and a sleeping mattress to families crowded into provisional shelters. More than 800 families in 10+ communities in Choluteca County received food and other immediate needed benefits. Later, the program installed 150 concrete floors in these damaged houses and repaired 150 houses with a white plastic sheeting house wrap to enclose the houses that had no walls.
Committed volunteers make possible many tasks that nonprofit organizations are not able to complete on their own. Many of these tasks may seem minuscule, however, they have far reaching impacts in the lives and souls of those who have the privilege of being touched by these generous people.

In 2004, PAG began a program, “Adopt a Village”, for reaching remote and poverty stricken communities that were “adopted” by volunteer groups from churches or groups of people who are PAG’s friends. Volunteers chose the different types of projects to be implemented in the local communities, such as water systems and sanitation, infrastructure, school renovation, and supply donations.

In 2018, our friends from the John Knox Church’s Mission Team worked on improving houses in the areas of the PANACAM Park Center.

In addition, two staff from Extra Mile Ministries made a visit to Belén Gualcho to teach poor families in the elaboration and usage of a water purification indicator (WAPI). A WAPI is a simple low-cost device that contains a small amount of wax that melts to determine when the water has reached pasteurization point. Pasteurization is a process that kills disease-causing organisms found in water and other liquids when exposed to heat. Unpasteurized water is responsible for many diseases and deaths worldwide, diseases such as cholera, dysentery, jaundice, Hepatitis A virus, E. coli, among others. Heat is the only proven process that is effective in eliminating all pathogens transmitted by air.
DONATION OF MEDICINES, SUPPLIES, AND EQUIPMENT

PAG is blessed to receive donations of material aid from generous individuals, churches, and organizations all over North America, from ferry boat engines and school furniture to medicines and emergency supplies. Special medication for patients suffering chronic diseases are out of reach for most low-income patients with serious health conditions. Although the situation has existed for many years, PAG has been able to respond through its community owned pharmacy program and meet some of these critical needs through donations of medicines and health products from USA and Canadian relief agencies who help supply critical health products.

Over the past thirty five years, PAG has initiated more than 502 community owned pharmacies to serve approx. 2,000+ remote rural communities with primary health services and medications at low-cost. At present, 21 regional medicine warehouses resupply 502 community owned pharmacies weekly with medicines and personal hygiene products. In 2018, PAG received a total of thirteen, 40 foot containers with donated medicines. These donations help to improve the health of people in extreme poverty through the distribution of medications to government hospitals, health centers, medical brigades, and community owned pharmacies. Overall, PAG has received over $96.4 M of donated medicines from Direct Relief International and HOPE International.

In addition, more than 2,000 water purification indicators (WAPI) were donated by Extra Miles Ministry. These were distributed to poor families in remote communities with limited access to drinking water. PAG was also able to provide immediate relief to thousands of families affected by heavy flooding on the south coast, as well as improving the wellbeing of hundreds of Honduran families through the delivery of sleeping mattresses, health and hygiene kits, canned goods, and house construction materials.

*Sponsored by Direct Relief Int’l, HOPE Int’l, Bill Miller Equipment, & Int’l Christian Aid
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**BALANCE SHEET**

**January to December 2018**

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### REVENUE AND EXPENSES STATEMENT

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### REVENUE DONATION IN KIND-EXPENSES

| RECEIVED-Material Aid Medicines & Emergency Supplies | $701,008 |
| EXPENSES-Material Aid Medicines & Others: | $772,132  |
| **Net Excess of Revenue Over Expenses** | **$493,480** |
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