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Hope for a New Tomorrow

Miracles happen with your help!

- ◆ San José (SJ) and 7 remote mountain communities have access to medical care.
- ◆ An average of 18 university students receive scholarships each year, providing a path out of the culture of poverty.
- ◆ The boarding house in Yoro enables 16 teens from San José and 4 other mountain communities to attend high school in Yoro.
- ◆ 34 students from Plan Grande (PG) are attending high school in Yoro with financial support from Honduras Hope (HH). 7 seniors will graduate in November.
- ◆ The Girls' Empowerment Program encourages Plan Grande teenage girls to stay in school and dream big dreams.
- ◆ Plan Grande finally has electricity! They still need streetlights for security.
- ◆ Malnourished children receive nourishing meals a minimum of twice a week.
- ◆ Chickens provide sustainable protein.
- ◆ In Plan Grande 16 women organized a pine needle basket making co-op. They just qualified to receive government grants. Their income helps support their families.

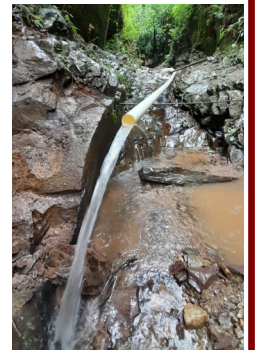
Thank you for making it possible for our Honduran friends to hope for a new tomorrow!

~Blessings always, Bill Briggs, Honduras Hope Coordinator



Urgent Need: San José Water Project

San José has no water. People walk three hours to haul water. The situation is dire! The estimated cost for a reliable water system is \$29,000. We've raised \$5000 and work on the project is progressing. Your help for this project is so appreciated!



For 22 years Honduras Hope has partnered with Plan Grande, a Tolupan Indian reservation and San José, a remote mountain community, both located in the Department of Yoro. Our vision from the very beginning was to strive for an equitable and just world through the empowerment of economically and politically marginalized people, and to create stronger, more resilient, and self-sufficient communities. We started with community meetings to identify needs, hopes, and dreams. This led us to develop programs focusing on health and wellness, education, infrastructure improvements, and economic development. Our commitment to Plan Grande and San José has never wavered. When faced with challenges, including COVID and hurricanes, we were able to maintain our programs while responding to urgent needs. We continually evaluate our programs and make changes as necessary to achieve the greatest impact. Twice a year we share about our work in a newsletter. We hope that when you read about how we continue to support these communities, you will be inspired to make a donation and be a part of the important and life-changing work of Honduras Hope. Thanks you! Gracias!

San José Welcomes Nurse Marla



During the August trip seven candidates were interviewed for the position of clinic nurse. Marla Yamileth was hired to begin immediately. She reports that the community has been very welcoming, and has helped her settle into the clinic and the job.

The clinic was built after community meetings in 2001 identified healthcare and education as priorities. Honduras Hope funded the construction of the clinic and a school building. With only a foot path to San José, which is a 3-4 hour walk up a mountain from Yoro, the building supplies had to be hauled up by mules.



The interview team (seated left to right): Bill Briggs (HH Founder), Susi Briggs, Marla Yamileth (nurse) and Cesar (HH In-country Coordinator). Standing (left to right) two members of the San José Patronato: Ramon (President) and Teodoro (Vice President).

In addition to San José, the clinic provides essential healthcare to 7 other remote mountain communities, some of which are a 3 hour walk from the clinic. If San José didn't have a clinic, people would have to travel to Yoro to receive medical care.

During the week Marla lives in the clinic. It is open 5 days a week for 8 hours Tuesday – Thursday and 4 hours Monday & Friday. This schedule lets her travel to be with her family on the weekends. Patients pay a \$1.00 fee. Common complaints are cough, fever, diarrhea, allergies, worms or rashes. She also treats wounds, infections, and burns. Four people in San José have epilepsy and receive their meds from her.



The clinic has a small pharmacy with medicines that are donated or purchased in Yoro. Marla keeps detailed medical records for the patients she treats and monitors the height, weight, and general health of the children participating in the nutrition program. She recently offered a blood pressure clinic for adults. The San José Patronato works closely with Marla, helping her with what she needs in the clinic and providing support.

Celebrating Success!



Congratulations to university student Angel Geovany who just graduated Cum Laude with a civil engineering degree!

For 13 years, beginning in middle school, HH provided financial support so Angel could pursue his dream of becoming a civil engineer. He told us, “It was a long and difficult journey. I walked long distances to class and skipped meals to save money. I reminded myself that these hardships were only momentary, and when I graduated things would be different.” He knows that without support from HH he would never have attended university and graduated with a degree that opens doors to a better future. He wants to use his engineering degree to “give back to Honduras Hope.” He told us the support Honduras Hope provides is a “fundamental pillar for the future of Plan Grande.”



Celebrating Angel's success! With him (left to right) are: Anita (President of the PG Education Committee), Cesar (HH In-country Coordinator), Bill Briggs (HH founder), Angel, Josh (grandson of Bill & Susi), Josh (Josh's dad), Susi Briggs, and Francisca (Education Committee member).

More Great News!

HH is proud to announce that 7 students from Plan Grande are graduating from high school this month. In 22 years this is the most students ever! More remarkably, five of the graduates are girls! This is an outstanding achievement and speaks to the commitment HH has invested in supporting and educating teenage girls. Our Girls' Empowerment Program encourages and mentors 7th – 9th grade girls to remain in school and earn a high school diploma. We wish these graduates success as they continue to pursue their dreams.



Graduating seniors (4 of 7; left to right): Katerin Gisela, Andrea Gissel, Elkin Manuel & Arleny Darixa

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Electricity Comes to Plan Grande

After many years of effort, countless meetings with each Mayor of Yoro, a trip to Tegucigalpa to meet with officials, poles delivered and then diverted to other communities, electricity is finally coming to Plan Grande!

In September, community members packed the Community Center to hear the details of the electrification plan. The government will cover most of the cost and HH will contribute \$9,000 (donated by South Church UCC in Andover, MA) to bring the service from the poles to homes and add street lights.



Supplies have been delivered and the poles and wires are going up. Electricity means students will have light for doing homework, computers and cell phones can be charged, and refrigeration and stoves become a possibility. The PG community hopes that having electricity will change their lives for the better.



Pollitos

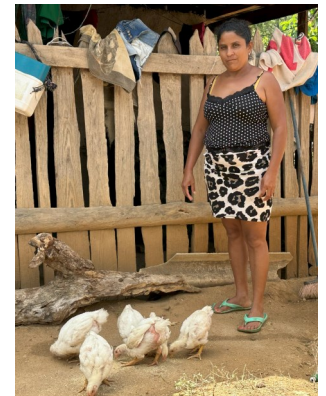
Los pollitos dicen
Pío, pío, pío
Cuando tienen hambre
Cuando tienen frío.



The chicks say
Peep, peep, peep
When they are hungry
When they are cold.



The Plan Grande nutrition program provides a nutritious hot meal to 69 preschoolers twice a week. But many families live a long walk from the Community Center so they are unable to participate regularly in this program. To make good nutrition more accessible to everyone, HH purchased 200 broiler chicks to distribute to the families to raise. We hope this will be more cost effective than purchasing chicken at the market. Each family got 5-8 chicks in July, and they are already getting quite big. One family told us, "It's a help for my family, especially since we have no money." As with any new program, we will evaluate it to make sure it achieves the desired outcome of improving nutrition at a reduced cost.



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Much is Happening!

As 2023 comes to a close we want to thank everyone who supports the important work of Honduras Hope. Even as we have accomplished so many things, there is always more to be done. Our friends in Honduras now dare to dream big dreams because they have seen the changes that have come during 22 years of partnership with Honduras Hope. Your financial support has made all this possible. Thank you! Gracias!

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Electricity for Plan Grande



Pollitos in Plan Grande will improve nutrition



Women sell pine needle baskets to support their families



The San José Clinic gets a new nurse



Work continues on the San José water system which needs more funds for completion



Happy kids!