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Honduras

GOOD NEWS!

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Working Together for 40 families

Friday, March 12th Habitat Honduras inaugurated one of its special projects called EL PINAL. After working over 15 months on the project, 40 families received with joy the blessing of receiving the keys to their new home. These families had been affected by season storm #16 in October 2008, which provoked a landslide that left their village buried under rocks and dirt, completely destroyed.

El Pinal is a project of 40 homes, made with traditional adobe blocks for the walls, and roof tile for the ceilings, each house measures 69m². In order for this project to be developed, many allies and partners joined together such as RIO HIGUITO COUNCIL (technical supervision), ODECO and PLAN INTERNATIONAL (latrines and wooden stoves), COPECO (geological studies), CORQUIN MUNICIPALITY (donated the land), ASONOG and WFP (food for work), HABITAT HONDURAS (construction materials, manual labor, organization and training of families in construction skills and community cohabitation), Central Government (a \$2,000 subsidy bonus) and HABITAT HONDURAS PARTNER AFFILIATES (Durham, Greensboro, San Francisco, Barron, Morris, Habitat Ireland) who provided funds for the project.



Families dedicated time to build their new homes, **making 84,000 adobe blocks** and lots of hours to sweat equity. This project demonstrated that together we can do more!

Setting The Example of Social Responsibility

Local Supplier, Amanco and Habitat Honduras have established a cooperation agreement with the goal of supporting families with limited resources to have a decent house. To prove this, the signature event was held during a build in which Amanco and Habitat Honduras staff formed a group team to help Mrs. Zoila Sanchez in the construction of what was going to be her new home. Amanco Staff was led by Country Manager, David Saravia and Habitat Honduras team was led by President of the board, Belinda Morales. The extent of the alliance includes donations, special Habitat prices and group teams.

With this alliance, Amanco Honduras sets an example of social corporate responsibility by contributing with social development and well being of the families with limited resources.



David Saravia, Country Manager with shovel on hand.



Staff from Amanco dedicated hours helping a San Pedro Sula Family. (Above)

Habitat Honduras Board President, Belinda Morales, handing a recognition to David Saravia from Amanco for all the support given in these years.(below)



PARTNERSHIP=FRIENDSHIP



Habitat Durham's contribution has financed at least 3 local Projects: "El Pinal" with 40 homes, "Bosques de la Esperanza" 53 homes(including land plots) and others in Santa Cruz Affiliate.

It has been over 10 years, since Habitat Durham visits Honduras twice a year bringing at least 20 people to support a Honduran family in their build. Miguel Rubiera, Executive Director for Habitat Durham and his wife, Margaret Rubiera an amazing Habitat Volunteer, plan every detail so all of their team builds are far more than success. Not only the group team works hard each day in construction, but has a fresh recently roasted cup of coffee offered by the beneficiary families, visit a children's daycare, visit a local cigar shop, and hike in between the lovely mountains.

This year, they helped 2 needy families in their build and also brought a donation to each family thanks to GlaxoSmithKline Company. Also, for the first time in Honduras, a friend and partner joined this trip, Susan Levy, Executive Director of Orange County, we felt honored for the visit and hope this makes our bond even better. **THANK YOU HABITAT DURHAM AND HABITAT ORANGE COUNTY FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**

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