

Village Update

Nuevo Amanecer, Honduras



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Gloria Garcia and Julio Vasquez of Nuevo Amanecer have been working hard to improve their community by helping others build their homes. Gloria provided meals for her own family as well as five other men whose wives have not yet moved to the community while everyone contributed to the construction of new houses. With everyone's help, driven by Gloria and Julio's example, the families that recently moved to Nuevo Amanecer from the nearby community of Campanario II, will soon have their own homes to start a new life.

Community Organization

Having new families in the community and helping them to build their houses has given the members of Nuevo Amanecer something to be proud of over the course of the previous three months.

The families also recently formed four committees within the community. The Women's Committee, the Production Committee, the Commercialization and the Safety Committee will help the families achieve a higher level of organization and allow them to implement projects more effectively.

Three workshops were held in assembly to discuss and socialize the community's rules and guidelines. With signatures from the community's partners, these guidelines will shortly come into effect.

The families recently completed their annual Village Plan for the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year, which highlights the human development workshops, economic activities and agricultural projects they plan to carry out over the course of the year.

As procedure for the Agri-Forestry Business Association, the community completed and forwarded records of the partnering members of Nuevo Amanecer.

Finally, as part of the Agros Model's value-based planning process, the families assembled this quarter to redefine the values they share as a community.

Housing and Infrastructure

The families were recently able to rent a tractor in order to till their plots of land where they will grow their crops. The tractor will be used to widen the roads into the community, allowing

materials needed to build a reservoir to be delivered closer to their homes.

Currently, the community is planning to build a reservoir to collect water from the river for irrigation purposes. As a first step, a topographical survey of the area near the river and a construction plan have been elaborated and given to engineers for approval and construction quotes.

Eight equal plots or 0.3 acres were measured and distributed to the new families of Nuevo Amanecer. The entire community has since then been working hard making adobe bricks to build five new houses.

Community Education and Training

The spirituality and family workshops planned with PROSEC have continued in Nuevo Amanecer over the last three months. In the last meeting they explored the following themes: family relationships and educating one's children.