



HOI, Inc. Annual Report 2013

Agriculture

- 120 families in HOI's area of influence were trained and given assistance in planting/caring for a family garden. The goal was to provide a sustainable means to help the families improve their nutritional health and to introduce a way to generate revenue. Training was also given on the nutritional importance of including vegetables in their diet.
- Four veterinary mission teams provided treatment to almost 4000 animals in 40 communities, improving the health of the animals and decreasing the likelihood of parasite infections among the families.
- A training seminar on artificial insemination of cattle was provided to 16 men from 14 different communities in the Agalta Valley. This training will help to improve the quality of their livestock and increase the market value.
- We began the year with 240 cows, sold 31 cows and bulls, had 18 pass away, and gained 56 new calves, leaving us with 252 heads of cattle. HOI's cattle generates the most income for the ranch through the profits of both milk and meat.
- We sold 23 pigs this year and have 32 ready to be sold for next year.
- The total income generated through Agriculture in 2013 was \$32,244.

Education

- 230 children now attend HOI's elementary and middle school, with over 30 villages represented. There has been a 23% increase in the enrollment of middle school students over the past 3 years. The addition of a new computer lab, library, sewing lessons, English classes and an excellent teaching staff has created an inviting school atmosphere with many opportunities not found in public schools.
- 80% of HOI's middle school graduates have applied for high school. This is compared to the Honduran national average of 30%.

- 172 students are matched with U.S. sponsors who assist with the educational expenses at HOI's elementary and middle school. This relationship provides encouragement and support for the student, making education an important part of their life.
- The middle school students attended 200 days of school in 2013 and had an average of 4% academic improvement compared to 2012. The improvements were a result of: education evaluation testing, teacher training received by the board of education, building and floor repairs which provided a better study environment, and the use of computers and internet.
- Overall, the academic performance averages at HOI's schools are 3% higher in comparison to the government schools. Our averages are slightly higher in first, second, third, and sixth grade, but are lower in fourth and fifth.
- The students and teachers would like to see improvements such as: fans, building repairs, doors on bathroom stalls, counseling room with privacy, auditorium space for events, a storage shed, nets for soccer goals, volleyball net/court, and a school phone line.
- The year began with 85 students in the qualified scholarship programs, 9 left the program and 14 graduated, leaving 62 sponsored students for 2014.
- There were a total of 14 HOI sponsored students who graduated from high school in 2013.

Health

- We currently have 3 rural clinics and one on HOI's ranch. Our clinics treated 10,728 patients this year with 8% under the age of 5.
- We provided training and education to communities about basic sanitation, personal hygiene, water sanitation, malaria, dengue, chagas, leishmaniasis, and rabies.
- Classes and counseling offered to teenagers on sexual reproductive health; educated and supported 852 couples with family planning and contraceptives; assisted 179 pregnant women; and had no reported maternal mortality in the valley.
- We ran a screening program for Cervical Cancer and treated 5 women with early stage cancer.
- 261 tuberculosis tests were given and no positive case was detected.
- 99% of the elderly (over 60) were vaccinated for seasonal influenza.

- 35 Children were treated for chronic malnutrition- 100% improved with 20 reaching the correct weight for their age (will receive follow ups on a monthly basis for 5 years) and 15 are still being treated.

Spiritual Development

- 232 Home visits were made in different villages, providing moral and spiritual support through counseling and prayer.
- Bible classes were offered every Thursday at HOI's Hope Middle School.
- Through the Youth Ministry Program, teens were given opportunities to participate in fellowship activities such as soccer games and other competitions, as well as, talks based on scripture, encouraging and challenging them to grow in the Christian faith.
- Devotion times were held with employees and visiting mission groups each week.
- 163 Bibles were distributed to different churches throughout the Agalta Valley.

Community Development

- A partnership was established with Jon Thompson in Nicaragua to expand our community development efforts outside of Honduras.
- Visiting mission teams community members with the construction of 269 latrines, 351 concrete floors, 111 room additions, and 87 chimneys.
- 2,166 students were taught by mission teams about God's love, through Bible school lessons and activities.
- 38 kindergarten teachers were trained at the beginning of the school year.
- Asset-based community development training was implemented, with 10 local village leadership teams attending.
- Evaluated communities in Choluteca, Honduras for possible future expansion into Southern Honduras, by the request of a few large Honduran corporations, through their social responsibility program.