



Piedra de Horeb, Honduras **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 – June 2012):**

This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of Piedra de Horeb through the Values-Based Planning process, a process in which the entire community chooses the upcoming year's activities based on their commonly-held values, vision and goals.

Land Ownership

Objective: *Families possess a sense of dignity and responsibility through conserving and developing their land sustainability.*

- **Land Repayment:** Families will value their land by meeting their land loan payment obligations and by maintaining and developing their plots.
- **Conservation:** Twenty-four families will be trained on environmental conservation of their land through responsible activities.
- **Reforestation:** The community will work to plant trees in areas near two water sources to restore forests and prevent erosion.

Community Organization

Objective: *Families define a vision for their village and develop the local leadership required to create a self-sustaining, thriving community.*

- **Leadership Development:** The leadership will receive training in decision-making, community management and role modeling, and will build leadership capacity by visiting other community leaders and attending educational sessions.
- **Partnerships:** The leadership will form partnerships with other organizations in the area and coordinate visits with other groups and organizations to exchange experiences.
- **Community Bylaws:** Families will practice their bylaws to help the community to run more smoothly.

Community Education and Training

Objective: *Families have opportunities for adequate healthcare, education, adult literacy and spiritual growth.*

- **Community Values:** The families will participate in a number of workshops to strengthen values, organization, leadership, self-esteem, spiritual reflection, conflict resolution, gender equality and relationships.
- **Spiritual Development:** Workshops will be held to strengthen the spiritual development and harmony between different religious groups through group reflection and discussions on values from a biblical perspective.
- **Nutrition:** The community will work to improve the nutritional status of children under 2 years and provide nutrition education to parents and children to help maintain a healthy weight. The community will train two women to monitor children's weight.
- **Health Promoter:** The community health promoter will receive ongoing training to provide health attention to the families.
- **Vegetable Gardens:** Twenty-four families will diversify their home gardens with a variety of vegetables for consumption.
- **Health Workshops:** Families will participate in workshops to promote healthy hygiene habits, safe water consumption and nutritionally balanced diets rich in protein and minerals.
- **Adult Education:** Ten adults will participate in an adult literacy classes to learn to read and write and reduce illiteracy rates.
- **Education:** Nineteen children will be encouraged to attend and complete preschool and elementary school, be recognized for their achievements and receive school supplies. Parents will participate in discussions on the importance of education.

Housing & Infrastructure

Objective: *Families implement individual and communal infrastructure to meet their basic needs of shelter, health and production.*

- **Temporary Housing:** Five new houses will be built to provide adequate shelter for families.
- **Water System:** Families will make improvements to the existing water system by installing five new spigots for domestic water use. They will also build new toilets and three outdoor sinks to improve hygiene, cleanliness and health.
- **Efficient Cook Stoves:** Families will learn how to use efficient cook stoves and five new stoves will be installed to improve respiratory health and decrease use of firewood.
- **Composting Latrines:** Families will construct and make proper use of three new composting latrines to improve sanitation and produce organic compost for crops.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Objective: *The community will ensure food security, obtain self-sufficiency, and be part of a viable economy through diverse enterprises. Families will receive training to achieve a higher level of productivity and fair trade of their goods and services.*

- **Crop Diversification:** Many families will plant new plots of corn, beans, cacao, coffee, yucca, sweet peppers and plantain crops.
- **Livestock:** Nineteen families will maintain 4.3 acres of new pasture and receive training on properly caring for their cows in order to increase milk production.
- **Irrigation System:** Eight farmers will install an irrigation system for 5.2 acres, and thirteen families will construct a water tank and pump to irrigate crops and pasture areas for cattle.
- **Grain Storage:** Twenty families will grow and store basic grains in six new silos to ensure stable food sources year-round.
- **Community Bank:** Nine women involved in the Community Bank will receive training to receive group loans, invest in their businesses, learn about small business management, and pool savings.
- **Women's Committee:** Women will form a Women's Committee and facilitate workshops on domestic violence, self-esteem and gender equality.