

## **La Providencia, Guatemala** **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011 - June 2012):**

*This Annual Village Plan has been developed by the women, men and children of La Providencia 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.*

### **Community Organization**

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

- **Values-Based Planning:** The families will conduct an annual evaluation of their strategic plan using values to set new community goals.
- **Committees:** The committee members will receive training in their roles, responsibilities and duties.

### **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.*

- **Coffee Project:** One hundred families of La Providencia will receive training and technical assistance in planting, caring for seedlings and the proper cultivation of coffee. They will establish 54 acres of coffee to generate income.
- **Crop Diversification:** One hundred families will plant 54 acres of cardamom, and establish permanent crops of chayote, cassava, taro and sweet potatoes.
- **Tilapia:** Twenty-five families will learn how to effectively raise, reproduce and sell tilapia as well as construct ponds.
- **Animal Husbandry:** One hundred families will receive technical assistance to care for new livestock, including pigs, chickens and sheep.
- **Honeybee Project:** Eight families will receive materials and training to manage three bee hives each, to sell honey.

## **Community Education and Training**

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

- **Women's Community Bank:** Thirty-five participants will receive assistance and support in management, business administration, and entrepreneurship, enabling bank members to create successful small businesses, and encourage youth in entrepreneurship.
- **Education:** All school-aged children will have access to a formal primary education, as well as be encouraged to pursue continued technical and vocational education. Children will receive supplies and necessary learning materials.
- **Adult Literacy:** A literacy program facilitated by local partnerships will provide forty illiterate adults with the opportunity to learn how to read and write.
- **Health:** Families will attend workshops to improve community health and education by learning about sexual health, family planning and preventative health.
- **First Aid Kits:** Families will have access to two first aid kits and medicine supplies to treat minor health problems.
- **Medicinal Gardens:** Community members will receive education, materials and plants for their medicinal gardens to treat common illnesses.