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*in providing land, hope, life to the 17 families
in the village of Nuevo Amanecer, Honduras*

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**“This land is what I am
going to leave my
children so that they
have a place to work.”**

—Catarino

We are so grateful for your ongoing support of Nuevo Amanecer and the hope and opportunity it brings to the families who live there.

As we begin a new year, we're happy to present our update in a new format, which integrates feedback we've received over the years about our village updates. Some of the changes we've made include providing an overall country update from Country Manager Nohemy Tinoco as well as including more photos of the families you've come to know through your support of Nuevo Amanecer.

We hope you like this new update, and would welcome any feedback you may have. Thank you for your commitment to Nuevo Amanecer!

Nuevo Amanecer, Honduras

Village Update, Autumn 2011



This community greenhouse will enable the families to grow their own seedlings instead of purchasing them from an outside source.

From the Country Manager . . .

New hope came for the rural poor in Honduras when Agros was launched here in 2004. Today, four thriving Agros villages are helping a total of 92 families—454 people—to overcome poverty through land ownership.

In addition to myself, our Agros team includes three agronomists, two human development technicians, a credit technician, a business coordinator and a financial coordinator. Each team member is an expert in his or her specialty and is dedicated to serving our families with excellence and compassion.

One of the training methods that is unique to Agros Honduras is a hands-on “field school”, where families can try new agricultural methods and crops. Each village has a special parcel of land set aside for their field school, and families are rapidly advancing their agricultural skills.

Currently, the families of our villages are cultivating about 142 acres, primarily with coffee, plantains and cacao. They are also busy in such agricultural enterprises as raising fish and livestock. For the first time in their lives, these families are enjoying year-round food security and an income as a result of their hard work.

On behalf of the families we serve together in Honduras, thank you for providing them the opportunity to work toward a brighter future!

—Nohemy Tinoco

Nuevo Amanecer Facts at a Glance

- ◆ Founded in 2004, Nuevo Amanecer is in its fourth stage of development (of 10 stages).
- ◆ Families grow seven different crops to sell for income, and 15 of the 17 families own livestock.
- ◆ 16 of the families successfully market their products.
- ◆ 11 families are up-to-date on repayment of enterprise loans.
- ◆ 12 of the families have access to clean water for home use.
- ◆ 75% of the school-aged children are attending school.
- ◆ 44% of the community’s leadership positions are held by women.



The young children are regularly weighed to ensure they are on track in their physical development.

Autumn 2011 Village Highlights

Community Organization

As the new fiscal year began this quarter, the families participated in an impact evaluation to determine the community's progress since its start in 2005.

They were familiarized with the details of the new annual plan, and leadership reviewed and approved the community bylaws for another year.

With guidance from the Agros team, the elected leaders continue to develop their skills in community management and in facilitating the village's various projects.

Land Ownership

During the quarter three families made payments on their land. Other members of the community finalized and signed commitments to repay their land loans with regular installments.

Since the concepts of credit and lending are new to the families, they

received training to help them value the opportunity to obtain credit, invest it wisely and develop a commitment to timely payments.

Housing and Infrastructure

Construction was begun on a community greenhouse to grow their own vegetable seedlings, which will save the cost of purchasing them from outside suppliers.

In another conservation measure, eight families constructed systems to filter and recycle greywater.

Sustainable Economic Growth

The families planted 10.75 acres of corn this quarter and about 4 acres of beans. In addition, they harvested and sold 1,585 pounds of beans, yucca and corn, earning a total of \$326.50.

To help families improve their crops and meet the market's quality standards, training was provided in the best practices of yucca and chili

cultivation.

Also, families were trained by representatives from USAID-ACCESO in the use of silos and in other grain storage practices to help ensure that they have food throughout the year.

Community Education & Training

The Agros team is helping the families develop their own life plans. Seven have completed these plans, which include personal, economic and spiritual goals.

Families also received training in gender equality issues, and the health of the children was monitored to ensure they are well nourished and reaching standard physical development milestones.

The community health promoter also provided training to control the proliferation of disease-carrying mosquitoes and improve the overall health of the families.

Making a Difference...

Seven-year-old Tulito thought he would never be able to attend school. Because of a foot deformity, it was too difficult for him to make the one-hour walk from his home to the nearest one.

But since Nuevo Amanecer started a school in the village, the walk for Tulito is only a few minutes. Also, with Agros support, he has received medical assistance to strengthen his foot.

Now, he not only walks to school, where he is an excellent student, but he also enjoys playing with the other children, riding his bicycle and catching butterflies.

Tulito has big dreams for the future. He says, "I am going to study much. I want to be a good doctor, to help many people."

