



Nuevo Amanecer, Honduras **Village Plan Fiscal Year 2012 (July 2011-June 2012):**

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

- **Leadership Development:** The leadership will receive training in leadership development, decision-making and community management, thus broadening their management capacity and ensuring stable leadership.
- **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.
- **Partnerships:** Leadership will build relationships with local partners and government institutions and coordinate visits with other groups and organizations to exchange experiences. Leaders will receive training on developing projects with other local organizations.
- **Community Leadership:** Community leadership will be trained to represent the men, women, and youth in community decisions process.
- **Community Bylaws:** Families will practice their bylaws to help the community to run more smoothly.

Land Ownership

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

- **Land Repayment:** Families will learn to effectively manage their land loan payments in order to become land owners.
- **Reforestation:** The community will plant trees near water sources and in fields to prevent soil erosion and start a cedar tree nursery to continue reforestation activities. 2,000 trees will be planted for timber.

Housing and Infrastructure

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

- **Building Houses:** Two new houses will be constructed to provide two families with secure housing.
- **Water Access:** Three water spigots and water basins will be installed to ensure water for domestic use for three families.
- **Efficient Cook Stoves:** Three families will install new cook stoves in their homes to improve respiratory health and decrease firewood use.
- **Composting Latrines:** Families will properly use their composting latrines to improve sanitation and produce organic compost for crops.
- **Water System:** The community will install and maintain 5.16 acres of an irrigation system, purchase a water pump motor to repair the water system and drill a new well to improve water supply.

Community Education and Training

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

- **Spiritual Development:** Workshops will be held to strengthen the spiritual development of the community members through group reflection and discussions on values from a biblical perspective.
- **Human Development:** Training will be held on relationships, conflict resolution, self-esteem, gender equality, and tolerance and harmony between different religious groups, as well as dealing with community issues such as domestic violence and alcoholism.
- **Nutrition:** The community will work to improve the nutritional status of children under 5 years and provide nutrition education to parents and children to help maintain a healthy weight. The community will purchase a scale and train two women to monitor children's weight.
- **Medical Supplies:** The community will establish a medicine supply and first aid kit for the families to use and maintain.
- **Health Promoter:** Two health promoters will receive ongoing training to provide health attention to the families.
- **Reproductive Health:** The youth will participate in reproductive and sexual health workshops, increasing their knowledge of sexually-transmitted diseases.
- **Adult Literacy:** Eight adults will attend adult literacy classes to learn to read and write and reduce illiteracy rates.
- **Education:** Twenty-two 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.

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.*

- **Food Security:** Seventeen families will improve their food security by increasing their agricultural and livestock production for consumption. Sixteen families will receive assistance to start family gardens and grow a variety of fruits and vegetables.
- **Basic Grains:** Sixteen families will grow thirty acres of corn, ten families will plant 4.3 acres of beans and eight families will install and learn how to store grains in eight silos in order to have food year-round.
- **Chicken Project:** Ten families will be instructed in how to build and maintain four new chicken coops for their birds.
- **Crop Diversification:** Six families will receive instruction on the proper care and planting of tomatoes, beans, sweet peppers, plantains and cucumbers to sell and consume.
- **Greenhouse:** Three families will participate in the construction of a community greenhouse to produce plant starts.
- **Tubers:** Six families will plant nontraditional crops including yucca and sweet potato to improve their diets and income.
- **Bread Baking:** A community oven will be constructed in which the women will bake bread for additional income.
- **Community Bank:** Women will receive training on promoting the Community Bank, in order to receive group loans to invest in their businesses, manage their savings, and learn more about finances.
- **Women's Committee:** Women will form a Women's Committee and receive training in small business management, investment costs, and utilities.