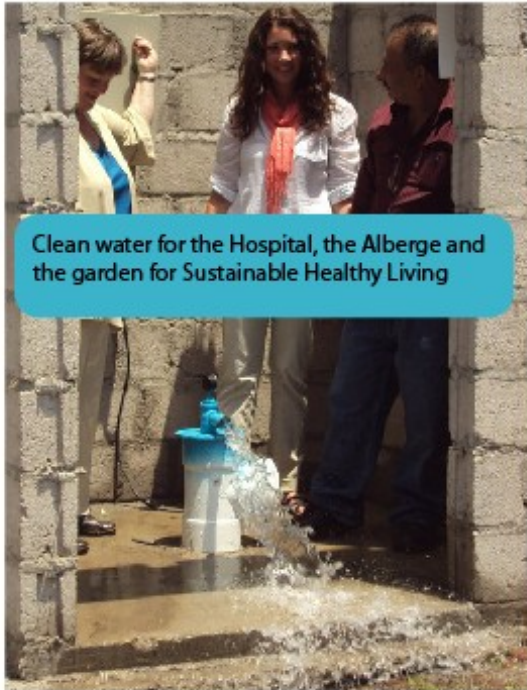


Showing, Teaching, and Releasing God's Love to the world



Clean water for the Hospital, the Alberge and the garden for Sustainable Healthy Living

Dean and I have been praying and dreaming about the Sustainable Healthy Living project God laid on our hearts for almost 3 years. There is so much malnutrition and sickness here that it contributes to the high mortality rates of mothers, infants, and children under 5yrs old. We desire to have a holistic program that imparts healthy Godly living. We dreamed of a garden that provides vegetables, fruits, and seeds to give to families (especially single mother households) so that they can repeat the garden in their villages. This would open the door to teaching the single mothers why fruits and vegetables are needed, how to plant them, how to sanitize their drinking water, how to be healthier and raise healthier children, as well as teaching biblical principles. However, every time we have planted a garden it has failed! Some things never sprout, some sprout but never grow further. The problem is there is 6 months of dry season (rare to see any rain) and 6 months of rainy season (rare to have a day without at least some rain!) In the dry season we have had no way to irrigate the garden. During the dry season, water is scarce here and it is illegal for the city well water to be used for anything other than household use.

Please be praying for a bountiful harvest, the money to hire two Honduran men full-time to work in the garden, a 4x4 SUV so I can get women and children to and from the hospital and doctors appointments, land to start a Farm (to add to the fruits and vegetables along with being able to plant more gardens and crops on this land where we can also harvest seed.), and for our children in the states!

Dean shared our dream with Christopher and Charity Dixon of Greater Works in Dallas Texas and they believed in the dream and raised \$8500 for a clean water well. We were so excited! Even with that we could not find anyone that would dig the well and put a pump in it for less than \$14,000, until God connected us with Willfredo Walladares (a Honduran that owns his own well drilling business). Willfredo believes that God has given him his business and prosperity so that he can give back to his people. He joined with us and Greater Works



One of many young women in the Alberge this month.

to drill a well behind the hospital in La Esperanza . This well provides clean water to the hospital (who had to send people to the local store to buy bottled water to perform surgeries and clean wounds because they didn't have ample water or purified water in the hospital), the **Alberge (a shelter for high risk pregnant women that hike down the mountain for 4hrs then ride on a bus for 2 more hours to get to the hospital)**. They stay in the shelter for 3-4 weeks until they deliver) and it will irrigate the gardens for us! When asked how much water the pregnant ladies drink a day they said 1 to 2 small bags of

water a day (6-8oz) because the water we have is contaminated and to buy the bags of water is very expensive. Just to let you know everyone should drink six to eight 8 oz glasses of water a day and a pregnant woman should drink almost double that.



Student Volunteers clearing the land for planting.

We are so excited to be a part of Gods work and to see what has been done and what is being done! We along with the Hope and A Future Students from Mercy International have cleared a portion of the land behind the hospital and planted many vegetables since the placement of the well. We will continue to clear more land and plant more vegetables. We will keep you posted on the progress!



We planted 8 packets of seed including green beans, carrots, and squash.



Thank you Lord for your provision!
Thank you Greater Works, Willfredo, Mercy International, and everyone that supports us financially, emotionally, and with your prayers for this clean water well and allowing us to be a part of Gods work!

Be blessed,

Dean & Melissa Lowman