

VILLAGE PARTNERS

Productive Partnerships in Honduras and KC's Westside | Relationship / Collaboration / Multiplication



Two trips in One!

Our January trip to Honduras was composed of two Jewell student teams. One team, comprised of nursing and pre-med students traveled to the remote village of Ahuas (Pronounced: ā-was) where they volunteered at the Moravian Medical Clinic for the week. The other team traveled to our three Partner Villages.

Partner Village Advances

- Rice production in Embarcadero
- Tilapia micro-enterprise in Matagua
- Leadership building in Boca del Toro

Partner Villages: Needed Sponsorships

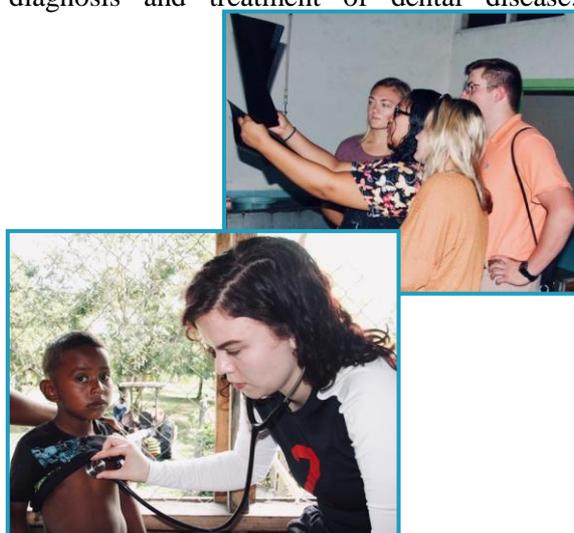
- \$450 UNAH-CURLA Business Administration intern in Matagua to facilitate licensing as a micro-enterprise (3 months)
- \$450 UNAH-CURLA intern, Gemmy, continued leadership development in Boca del Toro (3 months)

Partner Villages

In Embarcadero, our first village partner, students witnessed a flourishing community that is building concrete homes with a new cement block maker, employing two people in their community store and now producing rice on a new 17-acre plot—all due to our microenterprise investments in this community. In Matagua, the team watched tilapia cooperative members monitor all three ponds as they prepared for their January harvest. Over 4000 fish were harvested, doubling the previous harvest. In meetings with UNAH-CURLA, our Honduran university partner, and Yoro municipality, cooperative members displayed their new leadership skills as they shared recent successes. We provided a micro-loan for monitoring equipment and Jewell students are raising funds for a pump to aerate the ponds. Tilapia cooperative members just traveled to Omonita in El Progreso for further training. These are all signs of a developing and thriving community. In our newest partner, Boca del Toro, we were able to see the fruits of our investment in leadership development, under the guidance of our university intern Gemmy Rivera. During the past year, we provided funding for three dental clinics, through UNAH-CURLA, for school children in Boca, to enable cleaning, diagnosis and treatment of dental disease.

Ahuas

The Ahuas team served alongside doctors and nurses in an extremely remote area of eastern Honduras known as the Mosquito Coast (La Mosquitia). This region is inhabited by the indigenous miskitos people. As a result, the doctors and nurses are multi-lingual, speaking Spanish, Misquito, and some English. Our Jewell student team followed and assisted doctors on rounds, with a highlight of participating in the birth of a baby. The parents named their new little girl after Shalynn, one of our nursing students. Along with healthcare workers, students visited homes, assisting with follow-up calls and performing nutrition check-ups for village children. Visit the [Ahuas website](#) to learn more about this important medical work in Honduras.



Primitivo Garcia in Kansas City Westside After-School Reading Partners & STEM Partners

Jewell students continue to engage students at Primitivo Garcia elementary school in the Westside neighborhood. Each Monday afternoon our Village Partners intern Lillian Frevert (Junior Education major) guides Jewell students as they read with kindergarten and 1st graders, as part of the “Turn the Page KC” reading initiative in the LINC after school program. This fall we launched a STEM interaction with 4th-6th graders, utilizing the aquaponics lab that Jewell students designed and installed at Primitivo Garcia. In total, Village Partner students logged 184 hours during the fall semester. We also continue to partner with Westside Housing Organization with a team of Jewell volunteers working in the Nottingham Community Gardens and Sacred Heart area during our fall and spring community service days.



UNAH-CURLA students Jennifer, Suny and Gemmy joined our January team.

A note from the Village Partners Director

Recent news from the USA-Mexican border has reinforced the importance of our partnerships in Honduras. We are contributing to improving life for our Honduran partners and we are investing in Honduran university students to enable them to use their skills to advance their country. As I listen to the voices of Hondurans who are interviewed at the USA-Mexico border, I am convinced of the importance of our investment in the Honduran people. In January, I watched women from Matagua speak with confidence in a meeting with the vice-mayor of Yoro. They brought tilapia to the meeting to show the quality of their product and proclaimed with confidence, “We will not let our new business fail, we will be successful in raising and marketing tilapia.” Only a year ago, these same women lacked confidence to speak in formal meetings with the municipality. They have proven their resilience and are now experiencing pride in their hard-fought success. Life is improving in Matagua, just as it has improved for the people of Embarcadero, our first village partner. Relationships matter. Your donation enables us to make a difference in Honduras on multiple levels because we invest in our partner villages through investments in university interns. Join us in partnering to create healthy, sustainable communities.

Thank you for your support,
Dr. Lori Wetmore

**2018-2019
Primitivo Garcia
Reading & STEM Partners**

\$450 Internship: Lilly Frevert

\$350 Books and supplies for Reading & STEM Partners

Jewell’s office of Advancement has provided a site that allows a simple, tax-free way to contribute to our Village Partners Projects. Consider sharing this link and these stories with others. It’s an easy way to be a Village Partner!

[Village Partners Website](#)

**2018-2019
Honduras Micro-Loans**

\$500 Women’s microenterprise incentive program in Boca del Toro

\$350 Monitoring equipment for tilapia harvesting in Matagua

[Click here to read a report on Village Partners dental clinics in Boca del Toro](#)

Your monthly giving supports our partnerships in Honduras and Kansas City.