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Hi everybody. The last time I wrote about Honduras was over four years ago. It was in the fall of 2006, and Kim and I were preparing to lead a group of 15 folks down to Roatan, Honduras to help provide clean water to the community of Sandy Bay. The scope of our project included drilling a well for the local health clinic, installing a water purification unit, and installing over 1,200 feet of water pipes. At the end of our week, we had paved the way to provide clean water to over 80 families. I'm amazed at how quickly the time has flown by!

I've kept in touch with our friends in Honduras over the years, and while progress has been made building upon the foundation that we helped establish, there is still much work to be done. Though I've desired to return to Sandy Bay on several occasions, it's only been in the past few months that I've been able to focus enough to organize a new project, and this time I've been joined by Bailey! Seeds from the stories that Kim and I have shared over the years have taken root within Bailey's heart, and she has decided to help me move this project forward. We are both very thankful for how good things are here in Tallahassee and eager to continue helping our friends down in Honduras. It's time to install another well!

The focus of our next project is the poorest part of the Sandy Bay community known as the Colonia. Each home currently receives water about once every seven days, and this water is typically stored in a 55-gallon drum to be used throughout the week ahead for drinking, bathing, cooking and cleaning. People living in the highest parts of the Colonia are not connected to this system and must fill containers at a public spigot and carry their water back to the top of the hill. This weekly water supply for each family is used up quickly and is often contaminated by the end of the week.

A new well will more than double the flow of water to each home in the Colonia – from once every seven days to once every three days. The cost of drilling and installing a new deep well is \$20,000. I realize this is a lot of money, but we're moving forward in faith, and we hope that you'd like to help us provide clean water to the people in the Colonia. Visit our web page at www.cptchurch.com for more information and updates about our project, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions (mikehoughton@comcast.net or 850-212-4044). All contributions are tax deductible and received with gratitude.

Thanks,

~ Mike and Bailey