

Ada Murcia's Adobe Block

Santa Rosa of Copan. Standing in the front of her new house, Ada Murcia looks at the floor and smiles slightly as she remembers with great satisfaction some of the best memories with new friends, volunteers and even the first time she made one adobe block.

Ada and further 17 beneficiary families have taken possession of their house built by Habitat Honduras program with the help of hundreds of international volunteers that gave their solidarity and effort, main ingredients that provided Honduran families with a safe home.

Ada's dearest memory is about her first adobe block; it has nothing to do with lime, cement or dirt. For her, it has to do with human solidarity, self giving and love of many volunteers,

especially that of Miguel Rubiera, a North American volunteer that worked side by side with many families in Santa Rosa.

In Ada's story, the adobe block plays the main character; she lively recalls how much she sweated to make her first adobe block just to see how moments later it broke down. Miguel

Rubiera came near to her and in a funny way told her "Ada, that is going to be the first block of your new house!"

As Ada, many are the families that posses a particular memory; for some are the foundations of the house, for others the first adobe blocks they placed, but for many the real valuable memories are the different bonds made with all the volunteers that came to help them.

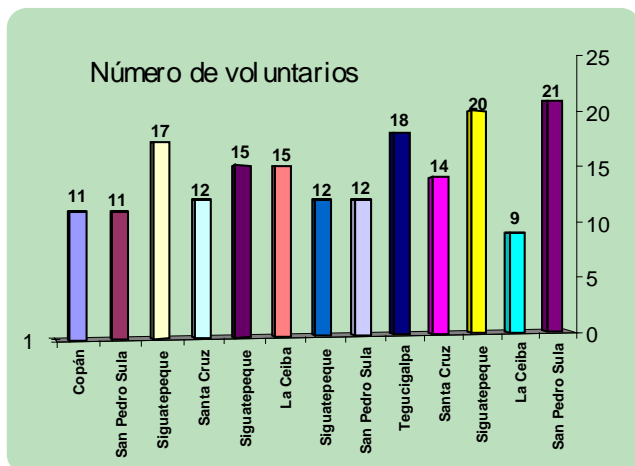


Ada and her family picking the number from the house raffle.

13 group teams came to support Honduran Families this trimester

This year more volunteers have joined the Habitat Honduras GV groups, making 13 international brigades for this trimester that have worked nationwide. They have donated 8,000 men-hours to build homes along with families in need.

These are the group teams that came to the country:



Group team	Afiliate	Origin
Gaston County	Copán	USA
Hábitat San Francisco	San Pedro Sula	USA
Steve McElroy	Siguatepeque	Canadá
Universite de Montreal	Santa Cruz	Canadá
Banff Community High School	Siguatepeque	Canadá
Global Village of Stockam	La Ceiba	USA
Northland Collage	Siguatepeque	USA
Michael Martin	San Pedro Sula	USA
Presbytery of Carlisle	Tegucigalpa	USA
Lourdes High School	Santa Cruz	USA
Sidwell Friends School	Siguatepeque	USA
Robert Van Pulley/World Bank	La Ceiba	USA
Trinity Lutheran Church	San Pedro Sula	USA

Habitat Honduras renovates alliances with suppliers to benefit beneficiaries



Belinda Morales, Habitat's Honduras board president and Yani Rosenthal, president of North Cement S.A. during the alliance signature moment between both organizations.

Once again, Habitat Honduras achieves the support of their national suppliers with the sole objective to benefit the families and continue to their mission of eradicating substandard housing.

Some examples of their support are by giving special prices to the materials, monthly donations, house sponsors, etc. At the end, families have low cost but dignified homes.

LAFARGE, AMANCO, CENOSA and the Municipality of Talanga are among the suppliers that have signed cooperation agreements this year.



Successful IV Walk organized by Habitat Honduras

About 800 people walked for "the Right that everyone has of having a decent home" in the traditional event of the IV Walk organized by Habitat Honduras, this past 26 of April 2008. Young students, volunteers and special guests walked over 2.5 miles to show the population that everyone deserves to have a home to live in and some institutions, made allusive signs with messages supporting Habitat's Work.



Students carry a sign that highlights Habitat Honduras work with families in need of a home



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House Renovations and legalization of land plots have new funding amounts

Habitat's Honduras Board of directors and the Executive Direction have approved new funding amounts for housing renovations and the legalization of land plots during May.

This action will allow covering the priority necessities of the families now that the amount passed from \$1,500 to \$1,750.

Other benefit is that Habitat Honduras will support the families with land plots cancelations and legalizations that don't owe more than \$750, when in other times; Habitat could only help when families didn't owe more than \$250.

All this measures were made to reach more and more families in need.



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