

Lucas Wolf Memorial Project – Montecillos, Honduras

November 2019-January 2020 Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary update

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We are pleased to share with you the progress with the Lucas Wolf memorial project.

During the months November-January most of our communities have been in the process of harvesting their coffee plantations, which usually results in a slower period for some of the project's activities. However, our local partners (CEASO) have recently started the cookstove installation phase, having completed work with tree nurseries and water cisterns in 2019. Our partners' model consists of delivering cookstoves and household water catchment systems as incentives for all the work the community contributes in their tree nurseries, reforestation, farm diversification and gardens. This model has shown to be a great success by giving the communities time to embrace the benefits that trees and food security bring to their families long term, while the eco-technologies work as short term incentives that keep people engaged in the project. Details of these former phases of the project have been provided in our last update reports.

In the last 2 months, 2-3 community leaders from 5 communities were trained as Justa cookstove builders. So far, 196 Justa cookstoves have been built of 500 stoves, our goal from 2020-2021. Thanks to **funding from Fort Collins Breakfast Rotary, 25 Justa cookstoves were constructed!**

We are also happy to share that more women have been involved in the cookstove construction this year, and TWP is launching a project to support certified cookstove builders on developing a business network in the clean cooking sector. Fifty percent of these certified builders are women, most of them from the Intibucá region, with primarily Lenca Indigenous communities. TWP plans to strengthen the country-wide cookstove builder network, "Maestros Fogoneros," to install 2,000 Justa cookstoves over the next year.

Although Rotary has not been directly involved in our organic garden program in the Montecillos region, we are happy to share we're working on a new nutritional security initiative in the region with the help of local women and youth. So far, 9 communities are working with 34 home gardens and 3 community gardens. Due the heavy rains common of this season, some communities have struggled to keep their crops safe; sadly, in some communities their crops have not grown as well as they had hoped. We are working on assisting communities to repair their gardens to their full potential.

Supporting Photos:



Elisabeth, San José de Pane community. Elisabeth has built all the Justa's coostoves in her community, that is why her nickname is "Licha, la Fogonera" ("Licha"-short name for Elisabeth-the coostove builder).



Obed, community leader from Corralitos. Obed builds most of the cookstoves from his community since he was trained by CEASO last year, but also he is now certified as "Maestro Fogonero", building cookstoves of families that request his services. Obed is an example of a great community leader and entrepreneur.



Adan, community leader from Matazano. Adan and his family participate in one of the community gardens project. In less than one year, the community of Matazano have secured food to six families and they have already jumped to a small scale local commercialization business, hoping to grow and make it sustainable long term.



Women group from the Nutrition Security project, San Jose de Comayagua. Fanny Cruz, the project facilitator (third person from left to right), carried out an introductory workshop to motivate the community, mostly women, to actively participate in this project.