

Gratitude & Graduation

We are very excited and proud to announce that David Doblado has graduated from the university with a degree in Electrical Engineering!

David was always interested in electrical work; he was taught welding and woodworking at a young age at the farm, but even then he was always inclined towards electrical. David had been studying Electrical Engineering for the last 6 years, one semester longer than intended due to Covid-19 related postponements. For at least two of those years he was also working full time at the Granja taking care of a group of 10 children and taking classes during the evening. He also picked up side jobs doing residential electrical renovations.

After completing his classes he did an internship at the new international airport in Comayagua. He continues to save money through side jobs, and recently has decided that he will build a home for himself with the help of AGC's network.

He is currently looking for jobs within Electrical Engineering and has sent out his resume to many employers. He hopes to stay in the area to be close with his girlfriend of the last 7 years, and her family. His dream is to one day run his own company offering electrical services, combining his expertise of design knowledge from his studies and the practical applications that he has done throughout the last 6 years. He realizes his best shot at running his own company stems from having good recommendations from employers and a strong network of contractors. This is what he hopes to be able to attain through formal employment as an Electrical Engineer.

Here are a few words of thanks that he wanted to share:

"I am very thankful to God first of all and for each one of you for all of the support that you have brought me throughout my entire life at the Granja and now through my academic formation. I learned so many things in the process, and above all else I am grateful for the great privilege of being able to truly know God. I send a big hug to each one of you, may God bless each one of you for everything that you have done and continue to do, not only when I was in the Granja and now for the Hogar alumni, but also in other parts of the country. You will continue accumulating treasures in heaven that in the end will result in the crown of life."

- Love David Doblado



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Housing for Alumni

We have always been an organization that strives to listen to God's call. Instead of trying to bring our solutions to problems we try to listen first and follow the needs the Lord presents to us. One of the biggest issues we have seen for our alumni is the struggle to become homeowners. We have previously tried to solve this issue without success. However, recently with new resolve, and with new partners, we have set out to try again. There have always been roadblocks, to finding honest builders who will provide quality work and finding banks that will provide reasonable rates. This project has also been complicated due to the rising costs of land because of the new airport in Comayagua.



Thankfully Dr. Ivan Lainez from Point Honduras was able to connect us to some reliable home builders who frequently move to the job site and set up camp for the duration of the

project. He had used them a dozen times in the last few years providing affordable homes for families of the kids he serves in neighborhoods in Tegucigalpa.

We began looking for alumni who would be able to qualify for a bank loan, and Henry and Jazhielle Romero along with David Doblado were high on the list and showed interest. During the last 2 months, construction began and the houses are nearly complete. After calling many banks, we were finally able to find one that offered 4% interest for first-time home buyers. Right now they are recruiting friends to dig the hole for their water system in order to keep costs down. Please pray for these families as they transition into this new phase of life. ■

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Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14

Hogar Has Left The Building

Recently we had the blessing of leading a small serve trip to Honduras. It's been a long road, but bringing familiar faces to visit our partners in Honduras brought back a mountain of memories of the work God has done and is doing, as well as a sense of community. We have deeply missed sharing these experiences with you all. It was a blessing to benefit from the questions to our partners and to work through tough questions during devotions at night. We thank God for the openness of the group during these times, sharing what the Lord placed on their hearts.

There still exists this pain from the separation from the Hogar, but now it's easier than ever to go forward with the hope and knowledge that God will not waste this pain. As some of them pointed out we may already be witnesses to ways that He is using it for good through our new support of other organizations.

I still am in awe of the direction the last night of devotions went. When the pain was mentioned that we felt through the separation, it came as a surprise to the Honduran girls who were with us.

So much so, that they seemed to want to jump in to comfort us. When they discovered our broken hearts, even amidst their pain and confusion, they wanted to support us. There were three comments that I would like to share with you as they continue to impact me.



Even though we might not see it yet, God will do something good.



ALUMNI COMMENTS OF IMPACT

1: Marcela's insight that many girls were forced to leave the orphanage so she understands how we feel having also been forced out. As well as her encouragement that God knows what trials we can face, and in the same way He wouldn't have given David the trial of sacrificing his son that he gave to Abraham. He wouldn't give us this trial if he knew we would fail.

2: Yensy's comment that helping give food to others while we visited Point reminds her of what we did for her throughout her whole life.

3: Tatiana commented that we might never know what God is going to do with these challenges. Even though we might not see it yet, God will do something good.

I relate with the members of the group who said that the reason we return is to share and build on the relationships that we have fostered over the years. It is hard not to see God's hand when we are pouring out into them and at the same time, they are pouring into us. God's work is alive and well in Honduras. I hope and pray that all will be able to experience the joy and inspiration by joining us on future trips. ■

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