

LATRINES (\$640 EACH)

Community health begins with clean water and proper sanitation. Latrines - 'out-houses' - are generally constructed with concrete block walls. The toilet stall is built several feet ahead of a sealed pit that is lined with rocks set in concrete, to prevent the pit from collapsing. The pit is also sealed to prevent it from being filled with run-off during the rainy season. In addition to offering better hygiene and dignity to the poor, latrines are an essential part of protecting the precious water supply from contamination.



ROOFS (\$770 EACH)

Even on a very basic house, a proper roof provides protection from the rains, to keep a family in greater comfort, to protect their scarce possessions, and to reduce illnesses stemming from bacteria and fungus. An improved roof will serve a family for many years, and makes their home much more livable during the extended Honduran rainy season.



STOVES & CHIMNEYS (\$515 EACH)

In many impoverished Honduran communities where electricity for cooking is either not available or not affordable, people depend on wood-burning stoves, which can be placed inside or outside the house. Higher efficiency wood stoves with insulated stovepipe chimneys reduce fuel costs and fire risk, preserve forests, and vent lung-damaging smoke out of the home.



PILAS (APPROX. \$610 EACH)

A 'pila' (PEA-lah) is an aboveground water storage basin usually made of concrete. A pila generally serves one household, allowing the family to store water rather than constantly having to travel to the river or communal well. A pila is also a place where household laundry can be washed, rather than at a stream or river, which would contaminate the water supply for those living downstream.

CONCRETE FLOORS (\$550 EACH)

So why does a house made of scrap lumber, mud bricks or corrugated steel need a concrete floor? Try to imagine what happens to a dirt floor when the rains come. And the Honduran rainy season can last for five months or more. Not only does a concrete floor provide comfort and protect the family's possessions from water damage, but it is also a vital step toward infant and child health since a muddy floor is a major source of bacteria and fungus.



MEDICAL CABINETS (APPROX. \$645 EACH)



Residents in many remote communities do not have access to medical care, and the poor are often unable to afford medicine. Communal medical cabinets are kept in the home of a community leader who has been trained to assess medical and first aid needs, dispense the appropriate items, and replenish supplies as needed. Those who are unable to afford medical supplies may obtain them on credit.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP (\$420/YEAR PER STUDENT)



There is no 'quick fix' to systemic poverty, but one of the most effective measures is to ensure promising young leaders receive an education. Most Honduran children complete Grade 6, but in remote communities few continue with a high school education. Your support, matched by the student and/or parents, allows promising young Hondurans to receive a high school education. In addition to the practical skills they acquire, a high school education instills the necessary confidence to become the next generation of leaders in their community.

WATER FILTRATION KITS (\$80 EACH)



Agricultural run-off and animal waste can easily contaminate the rivers and streams that many Hondurans depend upon for their supply of water. During rainy season, silt and sediment cloud the water. A very simple and inexpensive water filtration kit is the solution, allowing a family to maintain a small supply of clear, safe drinking water.

SOLAR LIGHTS (\$10 EACH)

Nights are exceptionally dark in rural communities without electricity. Candles and kerosene are costly and dangerous. Firewood is precious and hard to find, and is needed for cooking. But a small, affordable and rechargeable LED solar lamp can provide a family with a safe alternative. As a totally unexpected benefit, student grades have also improved when lighting is available for studying or doing homework.





The **Windows of Hope** program partners with Honduran families and communities to provide those basic necessities that will have the greatest immediate impact and continuing benefits.

*“Make a lasting difference
for less than a dollar a day”*

Many Honduran men and women work long hours just to provide for their immediate needs and to ensure their family doesn't go hungry. There is little time and even less money to put toward improvements to their very basic two-room home.

When the rainy season arrives the dirt floor soon turns soft, and then to mud. Rain drips steadily through holes in the roof. The pit behind the home that serves as the family's toilet also floods and may cave in.

For many Honduran families, this is how life will be this year. This is how it was last year, and every year before.

But **next year** could be very different because of your support for the Windows of Hope.

LEGACY PROJECTS (VARIOUS COSTS)

Each and every Windows of Hope project is an incredible blessing to a Honduran family living in poverty. But there are also a variety of larger projects that will have a transforming impact on an entire community. These 'legacy projects' offer unique opportunities for corporations, families or individuals to mark a special occasion, anniversary, or give a memorial gift that will have a profound, lasting effect. Legacy projects can include construction of a pedestrian bridge over a stream or river, building a kindergarten, school or medical centre, or providing a communal water project or well. To learn more about currently available legacy projects, please contact any member of The Carpenteros' executive or email info@carpenteros.ca



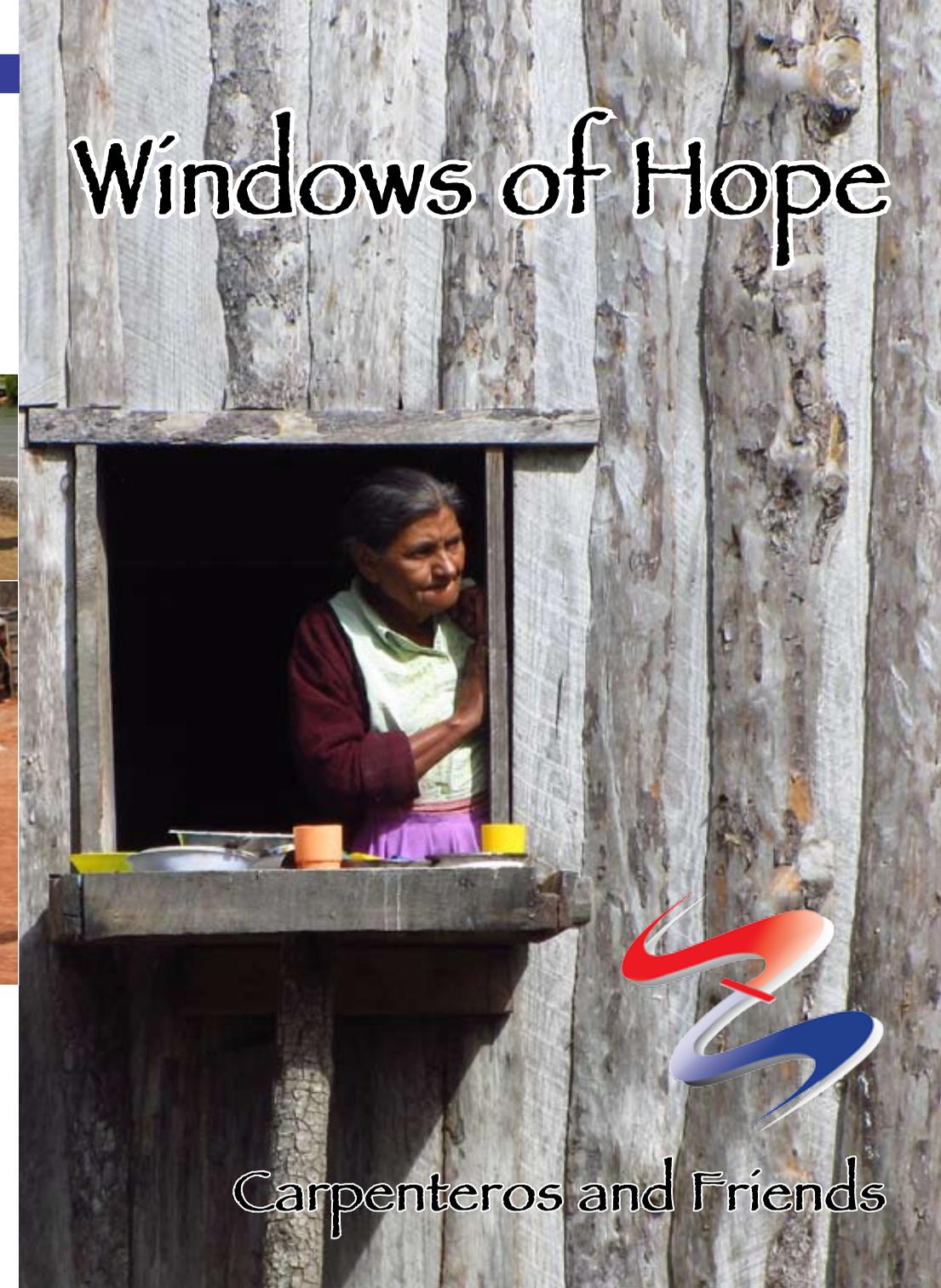
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