

VILLAGE PARTNERS

Productive Partnerships in Honduras and KC's Westside | *Relationship / Collaboration / Multiplication*

Celebrating Jeff Buscher

Jeff Buscher, D.Min., announced his retirement this summer. He has been with Village Partners from the beginning of our program in 2008. He participated in the first visit to our first village partner, Embarcadero. In January 2019, he participated in a trip to our new medical mission partner in Ahuas. His love for the Honduran people is inspirational and his love of adventure is contagious. He will be missed, but his impact will continue.



Partner Villages Updates

Boca del Toro

Gemmy, our Village Partners intern, continues to develop women’s leadership, providing workshops and creating incentives for team building. She also arranged for feminine health check-ups for 10 women, arranging transportation and utilizing Village Partners funds to promote women’s health initiatives.

Matagua

Hilary, our Village Partners intern, is providing business training for the tilapia cooperative as they move toward legal recognition as a microenterprise. They are hosting UNAH-CURLA visits from rural development and business organization classes this month.

Embarcadero

Village Partners goals include villagers sharing their knowledge and experience with others. Our first village partners in Embarcadero hosted faculty and students from our university partner, UNAH-CURLA, to demonstrate their development progress and discuss lessons learned.

Partner Villages: Needed Sponsorships

- \$450 UNAH-CURLA Business Administration intern, Hilary, in Matagua to facilitate licensing as a microenterprise (3 months)
- \$450 UNAH-CURLA intern, Gemmy, continued leadership development in Boca del Toro (3 months)



2nd Ahuas Visit, January 2020

Last year, our students served alongside doctors and nurses in an extremely remote area of eastern Honduras known as the Mosquito Coast (La Mosquitia). This region is inhabited by the indigenous miskitos people. As a result, the doctors and nurses are multi-lingual, speaking Spanish, Misquito, and some English. Our second Jewell student team is planning their visit, 12 Jewell students [10 nursing majors, 1 biology major and 1 biochemistry major], along with one Jewell nursing alumnus. Visit the [Ahuas website](#) to learn more about this important medical work in Honduras.

Sharing our Experiences with other University Extension Programs

Engineer Sarahi Zeron, Village Partners Honduras Project Director, presented the results of our partnership in Matagua at the XV Latin American and Caribbean Congress of University Extension in Paraguay this summer. Sharing our results with other universities allows us to participate in academic conversations about community development, strengthening our ability to form successful partnerships.



Elementary School Reading Partners & STEM Partners

Jewell students continue to engage students at Primitivo Garcia elementary school in the Westside neighborhood. Each Monday afternoon our Village Partners intern Lillian Frevert (Junior Education major) guides Jewell students as they read with 1st graders, as part of the “Turn the Page KC” reading initiative in the LINC after school program.

Our Village Partners intern Sierra Sanchez, biochemistry major, coordinates our STEM interaction with Primitivo Garcia 2nd-4th graders on Tuesday afternoons.

Jewell Education majors collected books for the Primitivo Garcia Fall Festival. Jewell students, including Mortar Board members, gave away books and treats to Garcia students. Some of them joined the Garcia students in wearing costumes.



On Tuesday, October 22nd, six 5th and 6th grade students from West Platte elementary school visited William Jewell College to learn about the Village Partner’s tilapia project in Honduras. The day was planned and led by Jewell Oxbridge senior Clayton Mansel who prepared a presentation and guided discussion on the work that the community in Matagua does to sustain its tilapia business. Part of the day also included a demon-stration by Dr. Husnain, Assistant Professor of Engineering, to help the students understand how a dam helps the Matagua community provide freshwater for their tilapia lagoons.

Our day was not only about tilapia, but also about learning about life in Matagua. A couple weeks prior to this day, the students at West Platte submitted a video with questions for the students in Matagua such as their favorite subject in school or favorite food (link [here](#)). Our Village Partners intern in Matagua, Hilary Perdomo, recorded a video response that we presented to the West Platte students (link [here](#)) It was great for the students to see how the kids in Matagua live and compare to their way of life here in the USA! To end, we were joined by Jewell Village Partners alumnus Gwen Glenn who was able to speak about her experience in Matagua.

2020 Upcoming trips	
\$300	Donations for Ahuas Moravian Mission Medical Clinic
\$350	Sponsorship for Honduran doctor to join Jewell students on January trip to Ahuas



2019-2020 Primitivo Garcia School Reading & STEM Partners Needed Sponsorships	
\$450	Internship: Lilly Frevert
\$350	Books and supplies for Reading & STEM Partners

Your monthly giving supports our partnerships in Honduras and Kansas City.

[Click here to read a report on Village Partners dental clinics in Boca del Toro](#)

Jewell’s office of Advancement has provided a site that allows a simple, tax-free way to contribute to our Village Partners Projects. Consider sharing this link and these stories with others. It’s an easy way to be a Village Partner! [Village Partners Website](#)