



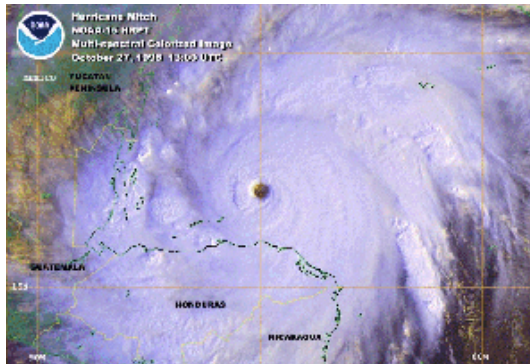
October 2005 Newsletter

The Salvador Foundation is committed to serving God by bringing people from all walks of life together for the common cause of helping our fellow man. We, as the body of Christ, have a responsibility to care for those in need. By helping and enabling people one project at a time, our goal is to share encouragement, hope and faith.

Honduras and Hurricane Mitch

In October 1998, Hurricane Mitch dumped huge amounts of rain over Honduras for days. Over a ten-day period, peak rainfall reached up to four inches an hour. Rivers broke their banks, destroying crops and dumping sand and rocks for miles. In some places, the debris still lies thick enough to make once-fertile farmland look like desolate beaches.

Up to 1.5 million people were left homeless, and starvation was widespread throughout the country.



Satellite Image of Hurricane Mitch

An estimated 70 - 80 percent of the transportation infrastructure was destroyed including nearly all of the country's major bridges and roads. Even airports were under water. Today, nearly 7 years later, the economy and infrastructure of Honduras has barely recovered.

Santa Rita Yoro, Honduras

Santa Rita is a small village of about 200 people in a mountainous region of northwestern Honduras. The economy and infrastructure of Honduras was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch along with the rest of Honduras, and an aging water supply for the village recently ran dry.



Santa Rita with River in Background

Although the people of Santa Rita were eager to help themselves by providing all of the labor needed to install a new water system, they lacked funding for pipe, valves and water purification. The people of Santa Rita had been without drinking water for about three months and were hiking roughly 2 miles down the mountain to a polluted river to meet their daily needs.

Lack of water in third-world countries is a common problem. In fact, around the world,

400 million children have no access to safe drinking water. 1.4 million of these die each year from water-borne disease and lack of adequate sanitation

During the past few months, The Salvador Foundation in conjunction with Great Commission Latin America (GCLA) and the local community installed a new, purified water system in Santa Rita. Labor needed to install the new water system was provided by residents of Santa Rita, while financial support to cover materials and engineering were provided by King of Glory Church (Austin, TX), Salvador Imaging, Inc. and other private donors. The outpouring of support for this effort was so overwhelming that we received nearly twice the budget needed to complete the purified water system. As a result, a secondary project was initiated to install lighting and ventilation fans in Santa Rita's one-room school house shown to the right. In addition to the lights and fans, the school will be painted on the inside with bright colors more suitable for an elementary school environment.



Santa Rita School



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The Salvador Foundation is currently supporting efforts in the US and Latin America. If you would like further information on this or any other activities, please contact:

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