

## **Proposal Concerning Team Honduras**

**Recommendation:** *To establish a long-term relationship/partnership, one that will be fully reviewed after five years, between the members of Inglewood CRC and a community in Honduras with the blessing and support of the Council of Inglewood CRC.*

### **Grounds:**

- To encourage the growing together of brothers and sisters in Christ beyond borders and cultures.
- To develop and strengthen relationships within the Inglewood CRC congregation as a whole, but also between the proposed intergenerational team members through various types of support, education and participation.
- To gain a broader understanding of the needs of those living in a developing country. and to learn from their daily lives.

### **Why Honduras:**

- Inglewood CRC already has a history and connection with the communities of Honduras; the 2001 *Houses for Honduras* team, the members who have participated in the *NADC/Kings water projects*, our support of CRWM missionary Caspar Geisterfer, the work being done with Diaconia Nacional through Carol and Isai Moreno, and through former CRWRC volunteer Tracy Bosch-Lanza.
- Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) and Christian Reformed World Missions have a strong presence in Honduras both on their own and in relationships with local partner agencies.
- CRWRC has lots of experience in hosting groups from North America and are experts at the logistics required.

### **Financial Information:**

- Every effort will be made to keep the costs low. West End CRC, who already partners with a community in Honduras, works to keep the costs under \$2000 per participant.
- Most team expenses would be submitted through Inglewood CRC and CRWRC and will qualify for a tax receipt.
- Raising funds for any proposed project in Honduras will be done through innovative fund-raising.

### **Additional Comments:**

- Henry Bosch will be visiting the community of La Avispa in Honduras while he is there in February. CRWRC has named this community as a possible match for Inglewood CRC. This location, however, has not been set in stone.

- A team would go to the community at least once a year in an effort to respond to the identified and on-going needs of the community, and to continue to build and mature the relationships that have developed. Ideally this team would contain a mix of 'veterans' (those who have travelled to and worked in the community before) and those making the trip for the first time.

**Vision Fulfillment:** *Sending a team to Honduras to establish a long-term relationship with a community there honors the vision of Inglewood church, which in part calls us to grow as Disciples of Christ through fellowship and through reaching out beyond ourselves.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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