Local Rotarians visit Honduras

John Gillivray and Jason Weiler recently travelled to Honduras as representatives from the local Rotary Club as part of an initiative to see how funding and product from fishermen can be used to build a house for his sister. In addition, the key benefactors of the eco-tourism are some economically challenged families in rural areas. The eco-tours are a good practice for projects run by other NGOs (non-profits organizations). They replace wood stoves and require only a couple of pounds of wood to produce fuel for a day.

Our second stop was in Puerto Cortes, which is the large area for the most recent phase of the program. We visited four additional clients and the stories of the families were dramatically positive. We were fortunate to be able to participate in the inauguration of a new eco-tour in Puerto Cortes. They opened their doors in January, and have approximately 70 clients currently.

Funding from the latest funding phase will infuse equity into the organization so they can be used by this branch in the area. John also gave a short speech at the ceremony and hit on what made the trip so inspirational for me. "I'm in this for the integrity of the brand, and it's [the eco-tourism] particularly important because it's the environment that I care about."

HDF as an organization believes in and works on those goals. The people and people worked with HDF by being very inspiring. They are a person-based organization with a mission that translates to "Contribute effectively and efficiently by improving the standard of living of communities, promoting economic, social and spiritual growth". The company was founded to provide financial assistance to church groups in 1974, and has grown slowly and steadily from that base.

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