

Ann Campana Judge Foundation Year in Review – 2020**www.acjfoundation.org**

Another good year has ended – time for a summary of our activities.

In 2020 I did not travel to Honduras, where we work exclusively, helping villagers construct potable water systems. These trips serve a number of purposes: 1) evaluate future projects; 2) assess progress on existing projects; 3) visit Rolando López, good friend and the ACJF's 'man in Honduras' who knows everything that needs to be known and more; 4) attend fiestas that each village holds to celebrate the completion of its water system; and 5) determine how well/poorly previous projects are performing and what needs to be modified/changed. Air travel to Honduras is pretty easy: Eugene (EUG) > SFO > George Bush Houston Intercontinental (IAH) > San Pedro Sula (SAP). The longest leg is SFO to IAH, almost 4 hours. IAH to SAP is 3:45 or so. I fly United there and am treated well. Delta (from ATL) and American (from DFW) also fly there. The time change is not oppressive; Honduras is on US Central Standard Time all year. San Pedro Sula is the financial/commercial capital of Honduras.

Prior to this year I traveled during the wet season, which corresponds to the Atlantic hurricane season, 1 June to 30 November. Traveling during this period is usually a crap shoot, as the rains often open up. This year was no exception. Most of you remember that 2020 produced a record number of 'named' storms – so many that we had to use the Greek alphabet to name them all. Hurricanes Eta and Iota wreaked havoc on Honduras. The rain was enhanced by the lateness of the storms – coming in November (early and mid-November) when the Caribbean Sea was very warm and produced more evaporation. The wind speeds were in excess of 200 mph.

We are currently working in the village (c. 220 persons) of Las Vegas del Corraza. Most of our system consists of a small ferroconcrete dam above the village, a 3 or 4 inch ID GI (galvanized iron) pipe that runs to a 5,000 gallon ferroconcrete tank, from where PVC (1 or 1.5 inch ID) PVC tubing to each domicile. All pipes/tubes are buried. The villagers do they 'heavy lifting'; our mason Jorge Chávez, who also supervises construction, builds the tank and installs the chlorinator. A mudslide caused Hurricane Iota spared the infrastructure but some supplies – cement and PVC pipe – were lost. We have funds for replacement material but the road is impassable. The mayor of the Municipio de Omoa (analogous to a US county), Ricardo Alvarado, assured us that the road will be passable before the end of March. The ACJF has a great handshake arrangement with Mayor Alvarado. He loves what we do and supports us with in-kind services: 4WD vehicles with drivers, road maintenance, and security. He also interfaces on our behalf with merchants, government officials, and landowners. Without his help it would be difficult to do what we do. Simple as that!

The majority of the funds listed on our 2019 IRS 990-EZ form - \$9,225 – went to the aforementioned project, another \$3,000 went to the village of San José de Los Angeles (190 persons) to finish a water project started by another group that went bankrupt. See what we do with limited resources. Visit <http://www.acjfoundation.org> and click "Financials" for IRS 990-EZ forms to see where the money went. We have had to file these forms since 2007 – 5 years after we were established. We need to file our 2020 990-EZ by mid-May 2021 unless there is an extension like there was last year. Feel free to check them and contact me (aguadoc@live.com).

We – BoD members Mary Frances Campana, Loring Green and Michael Campana - thank you for all your support. We also want to thank our webmaster, Jeanine McGann, who does excellent work and asks for nothing in return. Thanks, Jeanine!