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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2016 has been another year of sharing and serving, and we have seen many blessings over the course of the year. We thank you all for your support of World Renew in Honduras. We want to share with you that this year, thanks to God, we have seen positive changes in all the programs of our partner agencies. This encourages us, and we are grateful to God and all of you for your participation in reaching these goals. God provided us with health, protection, and a personal commitment that makes a difference in the lives of many families in each of the communities. You have provided us with support through prayers and donations to help many of the families in Honduras achieve their dreams.

During Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift that God gave to each one of us, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This celebration becomes real when we work alongside and support the most needy, walking along with them, seeing the blessings of God throughout the year. This is the meaning of Christmas that we want to share with you, and we ask you to keep it in your hearts in the year 2017.

Highlights of this year

Sustainable production of vegetables

Groups of women have joined forces to work on planting vegetables in high-tunnels. These structures provide a safer environment to prevent pests that can affect the crops. Women have also been involved in the production of organic fertilizer and seed. The future plan is to produce enough varieties and quantities of vegetables to sell in a local farmer's market.



Diversified food sources

Farmers like Wilson have learned to diversify their farms to grow corn, green peppers, plantains, and cassava. All these products serve to provide a better diet to the farmers' families and to increase their income. "Before the program, I had difficulty accessing vegetable seeds, and because I did not have the money to hire workers, I would rarely grow vegetables in my plot," said Wilson.

Conservation agriculture

This year farmers began experimenting with conservation agriculture (CA) on their plots. As part of the training, farmers were asked to grow corn in one plot, with some of the corn being grown the traditional way and the rest being grown using conservation practices. Farmers were surprised to see how the CA crops were able to withstand drought and give a better harvest.



Mobilizing young people

Together with our partner AJS, World Renew and CRWM are supporting impact clubs for at-risk youth. This program is not only teaching young people values and vocational skills; it is motivating young people to raise their voices in advocacy activities in their communities. During this year, young people from four communities in Tegucigalpa were able to hold marches for peace, campaigns against domestic violence, campaigns for the protection of animals, and a reforestation campaign called "Adopt a tree."

We wish blessings to you all this Christmas and New Year.

Irene Zepeda

To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9: 6



Prayers for Honduras

- Pray that the work being done in Honduras will be effective even in an environment of insecurity, where gangs target people with extortion and government corruption is a serious issue.
- Pray for the presidential elections that will be coming up in Honduras, that righteous people would be elected to office.
- We give thanks to God for the way he has protected our team in a dangerous country. Please pray for continued safety and health for our team and family members.



The World Renew - CRWM team in Honduras