



PROJECT EDEN/ADELANTE SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

PROJECT EDEN'S NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Project Eden has a new mailing address. **Project Eden**

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Donations and other communications can be mailed to that address or can be accomplished via the website (projectedenhonduras.org).

LONG TERM VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS RETIRED

Recently, long term Project Eden board members, Scott and Mary Fitzpatrick retired after 19 years of service. They at times served as treasurer, president and secretary of the board and were extraordinary in helping the organization to grow through the years. Additionally, they made twelve trips to Honduras, helping with various projects, and bringing dental supplies, school supplies, a wheelchair, medicines, guitars and their love and care to the people of Honduras. Their fondest memories of their times in Honduras center on the warmth and spirit of the people. They made it a priority when they visited to interact closely and spend time with the people, often having to contend with the language barrier which was challenging and entertaining to overcome. Scott and Mary are great examples of how to live a life of service to others.



GARDENS

Beans and corn, harvested from the large community garden in Quiscamote, were shared with 27 families recently. Students at the school garden in Quapinol, planted seedlings, provided by Project Eden, in their greenhouse. The Project Eden staff recently harvested plantains from the community garden at El Hogar del Ninos.





REFORESTATION

Project Eden staff returned to the school in Tierra Blanca recently to guide the students and community in doing some maintenance work around the trees that Project Eden provided them and helped them to plant 8 years ago. This reforestation work beautifies the landscape around the school and contributes to Project Eden's goal of addressing ecological harm from decades of deforestation in Honduras, one tree at a time. Project Eden grows the trees in their nursery and gives them free of charge to schools and other community organizations. Sales of nursery items to private individuals are also done at reduced costs to promote reforestation. These sales help to support the Project Eden reforestation project.



HEALTHY BEGINNINGS

Project Eden continues to collaborate with clinicians in two communities to enhance prenatal and early childhood nutrition through vitamin supplementation and access to nutritious food and nutrition instruction.



ADELANTE

Students returned to school following their winter break in February. There are currently 13 students waiting for sponsors. Sponsors pay \$300 per year so that their students can purchase uniforms and school supplies for attending school. Anyone interested in sponsoring a student should reach out via the website or postal mail.

WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS

Rigo has been busy visiting the water filtration systems and replacing filters. This project is imperative to providing access to clean water for 58 villages.



MURAL PROJECT

For several years, Project Eden has supported a team of US and Honduran artists who stay at El Hogar del Ninos and create beautiful murals on walls throughout San Francisco de la Paz. Their work is beautiful to behold and depicts many aspects of the Honduran culture. They were at El Hogar again in February and created more art to raise the spirits and delight the senses of the people.









FR. DAN'S JOURNEY (continued from previous newsletters)

Some interruptions are a nuisance, while others are not.

Fr. Dan returned to Durham after a brief sojourn to Guaimaca, Honduras and immediately extended an invitation to anyone who might be interested in a short-term immersion service trip to Honduras. He ended up with 18 people and in March headed to St. Rose of Lima Parish, Guaimaca, Honduras.

All was going smoothly until their plans were interrupted. One of the trucks that they were using for transportation had to visit a mechanic. Now what? It was then suggested to them that they take a bus to Juticalpa, the capital of the department of Olancho. They decided to do this. One of the things that the team discovered is that the bus is NEVER full. One may think it is full, but there is always room for more! Some of the group were standing near an older woman who had a burlap sack on the floor next to her. One of the team members poked Fr. Dan and said, "Hey, Father, that burlap is moving." "Don't be alarmed," Fr. Dan replied, "it's probably just a chicken inside."

They reached Juticalpa after a little over an hour and walked down the Boulevard to the Plaza in the center of the city. It was suggested that they stop at the

“Obispado” (the Bishop’s residence) to say hello to the Bishop, who was a Franciscan from Boston and a fanatical Red Sox fan. They knocked on the door and the Bishop opened it and gave them a great big “Hola!” He was wearing a Red Sox t-shirt. He invited them in and offered cold drinks and snacks. In the course of the visit, Fr. Dan told him that he had done ministry with Latinos for 14 years and always wondered what it would be like to do ministry with one group in their own place. “Come on down,” he said.

If the truck hadn’t needed to be repaired, Fr. Dan wouldn’t have heard those words.

Interruptions aren’t always a nuisance!



If you missed previous editions of this story, you can find them in the 2025 and 2026 newsletters on the website (projectedenhonduras.org).