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Five Successful Phase II Installations

Conception Honduras Solar School Project Hits Full Stride!
July 6, 2004 - by Robin Carr & Allen Rainey

The 2003 pilot solar school installation (La Guaruma) went so well that SonLight Power (SLP) planned five installations for 2004. Two SLP crews completed the five school installations late in June and were successful in spite of some difficulties. Churches, families and a school sponsored the equipment for the five schools. Each school received three or four solar panels, controller, inverter, batteries, wiring for lights and audio visual equipment.



Students at La Guaruma experienced increased interest in learning as a result of audio visual aids after the solar installation. Many had never seen TV before. Nahum Del Cid, the headmaster at La



Gurama, brought a VCR and Discovery video shortly after the SLP team installed the solar system in 2003. Nahum, who assisted earlier SLP teams in installing four church systems, requested Allen's help in the solar school project after the 2002 installations.



When he asked for 25 school systems, I gulped, Allen, founder of SLP later told me. But I told him that I would try a pilot project.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR 2005 TRIPS

The SonLight Power installation team needs intercessors for 2005 trips overseas. Prayer warriors will commit to pray every day of a trip for all team members on a specific trip.

If you are interested and can't pray daily, would you consider a donation to help support the cost a trip?

Donations are tax deductible and can include donations of stocks.

This trip marked a number of firsts for SonLight Power.

- *Shipping equipment for multiple sites that arrived to the correct destination on time.
- * Five installs on one trip.
- *The Honduran crew, trained by Nahum, accomplished part of the work themselves.



Nahum has become expert in solar power recent years, said Allen. Not only has he assisted with these projects, he learned to troubleshoot on his own. Every system experiences minor troubles as the users learn the capabilities and limitations of their system. Nahum has solved all of the problems of the prior systems he helped install. Nahum's recruiting and training of a crew gives me great confidence to welcome them as partners and to plan to send equipment for installation by Hondurans this year.



PHOTOS:

- Top L:** Kirsten tightens bolts at Santiago school roof
- Mid L:** Portion of Las Cuevitas students wave to you
- Bot L:** Suzanne (our translator) helps Bill & Roger
- Top R:** Steven working with local volunteers
- Mid R:** Nahum (trainer & leader) wires controller
- Bot R:** Colomarigua students watch the team work

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Fourth Anniversary SonLight Power Celebration Dinner!

Feb. 27th - 5PM
College Hill Presbyterian Church
- Fellowship Hall
- \$12.00 Adults
- \$ 8.00 Students

RSVP to 513-521-0708 ASAP-Please

Chef: Lance Brown

Special Guests:

Lucy Gacheru & Fide Gehner



For our
conversation
is in heaven;
from whence
also we look for
the Saviour,
the Lord
Jesus Christ

PROJECT REQUESTS CONTINUE!

Current list of projects
that await funding

19 schools in Conception
Honduras Solar School Project

✓ Solar hot water system for
Hope Community Center
Orphanage in Kinangop,
Kenya

Expansion or solar system at
Hope to include new building--
school and dining/kitchen

Security lighting for West
Africa Theological Seminary in
Nigeria

Solar water pump for 300' well
at a Presbyterian Bible School
in Niger, Africa

Although the details of our 2004 Africa trip were not covered in a newsletter, our hearts, as well as our prayers remain with our new African friends and Lucy Gacheru who will be our special guest at the Celebration Dinner on Feb..27th

*The effectual fervent prayer of
(the righteous) availeth much!*



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Taking light
into the darkness

Many of you prayed for us in Honduras. I (Robin) want to relay a story about children who prayed for us. Several children of my friends and prayer partners bought clothes to give to needy Honduran children. Children ages 3-10 and their mothers brought the clothes, they decided to pray the team. We made a circle and they prayed simple prayers: "help them to not get sick from the bugs;" "keep them safe on the plane and bus;" "help them get along and not hurt each other's feelings." We believe the prayers of these children and all of you were effective! God showed His love to the team and to the Honduran people.

