

ONE DAY CHALLENGE

Yes, I want to be a partner in the ONE DAY CHALLENGE and assist those in Gracias Adios, where the average income is less than \$2 per day.

Support for the ONE DAY CHALLENGE is fully tax deductible.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____

PROV. _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Please include all information for tax receipt purposes.

SAMPLE CALCULATION (based on 250 working days/year):

Annual income divided by 1000, times 4

(\$50,000 / 1000 = 50 x 4 = \$200)

(\$70,000 / 1000 = 70 x 4 = \$280)

The 'One Day' calculation is intended as a guideline and any amount of support is greatly appreciated and will go toward the needs in Gracias Adios..

Please make cheques payable to 'Carpenteros and Friends'
and note 'One Day Challenge' on the memo line.

Please provide your email address if you would like to receive a project update:

You can also mail your contribution to:

Carpenteros and Friends
c/o Calvary Christian Reformed Church
265 Middletown Road, Box 23
RR1, Dundas, ON
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How much of a difference can

ONE DAY

make?



That's up to YOU!



A house in Gracias Adios

Change is coming slowly to Honduras. But in many communities the average income is still as little as one or two dollars per day. No matter how hard these people work, simply surviving is a constant struggle.

However, even the poorest of the poor aspire to provide a better future for their children and grandchildren. You can help make that goal possible by improving their access to safe drinking water, latrines, first aid supplies and basic sanitary improvements to their very modest homes.

The ONE DAY CHALLENGE is a very simple, but effective, concept – dedicating **one day of your income** to bring new hope and transformation to Hondurans who earn as little as a dollar or two per day. And every penny you give will go directly to helping those who need it most, and in a way that brings about lasting improvement.

This year, the ONE DAY CHALLENGE is concentrating on the needs of the community of Gracias Adios near Olanchito in Yoro Department.



Gracias Adios

The story of Gracias Adios is both a happy one and a sad one. All the residents were farmers in Trujillo, Colon Department, but they had no opportunity to legally acquire land of their own there.

In 2006, former President Manuel Zelaya donated 351 acres for an agricultural cooperative, and 35 families accepted the offer to relocate and receive their own piece of property.

The families loaded all their possessions on a big cattle truck and were driven into the mountains near Olanchito. There, they founded the community they named Gracias Adios (Thank you Goodbye) because they did receive their land, but were then forgotten by the authorities.

Because Gracias Adios is located in the mountains (800 meters above sea level), access is only by four-wheel drive vehicle and then only during the dry summer months. Heavy rains and dangerous road conditions make access very difficult during the winter (October to February).

The local economy is based on growing corn, beans, coffee and small vegetable gardens, and all the families depend on this agriculture, earning less than \$2 per day. The most urgent needs in Gracias Adios are for latrines, pilas (above-ground cisterns), concrete floors and some basic home repairs.

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| Cost per latrine | \$375 | 30 urgently needed |
| Cost per pila | \$280 | 30 urgently needed |

