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Feliz Dia de Gracias, Feliz Navidad y Un Prospero Año Nuevo. Goodbye 2020. 30 years ago Amigos de Honduras was founded. COVID19 has been tough for the US and for Honduras. This issue has reports on Hurricane Eta and Iota that damaged Honduras. **Listed are a number of NGOs active in Honduras to whom you can donate.**

I followed the Spanish news and Facebook as the hurricanes hit. Saw a spectacular helicopter rescue of people on an island in a middle of a river. Saw rescues in my PC site of Olanchito. Heard that many bridges near La Ceiba and Aguan Valley were destroyed. We have received 2 grant proposals this fall and hope to send funds once things settle down in Honduras. With the new Biden administration we will see how immigration, foreign aid and Peace Corps policies change.

Please look at <https://amigosdehonduraspcv.weebly.com/>. The web site has the forms for applying for Amigos de Honduras Grants. It has a link to the August 2019 newsletter with detailed contact information for officers and movers and shakers of Amigos. It contains links to all the old newsletters since 2014. There are

several PC Honduras Facebook pages: Peace Corps Honduras <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2209604190>

Honduras, Peace Corps Volunteers, Memories and Photos

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/552463318424786> Again email me, write me, call me or Facebook me if you have any questions, wish to volunteer, ideas for grants or have articles to share.

TREASURER REPORT

Anthony Ives (La Ceiba, 2003-5)

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Treasurer's report for period ending Oct. 31, 2020. As of close of October 31, 2020, the ending balance of the Amigos de Honduras account was **\$8,722.70**. Due to the current pandemic, Deposits and withdrawals were minimal during the period.

Beginning balance 08/31/2020
\$7,605.91

Ending balance 10/31/2020
\$8,722.70*

* Payment of \$650 will be made month of November 2020 for past National Peace Corps Association donations by members of Amigos de Honduras. Grant of \$1,400 will be made thru the Amigos grant program but is pending with the impact of the hurricanes. **Editor note:** Our

treasurer in in the process of doing the paperwork and paying the fee to the IRS to obtain our official tax exempt status. Tony emailed Dec. 3 "I received a call on Monday. The IRS person said someone else will contact me within 7 days as the \$275 and documents were filed online. He indicated that if that did not happen, to call him and he will address it directly. Hopefully, we can become an IRS identified 5013C prior to year-end once and for all."

Editor note: Remember to send dues and donations to our treasurer, Anthony Ives and National dues to the National office in DC.

SECRETARY REPORT Brenda Sims Crumpacker (Pespire, Choluteca, 1990-1) 509-758-4165 (kbc.olympic@gmail.com)

Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership dues. My records show we currently have 125 members receiving paper copies of their newsletters and 47 members receiving theirs by email. If you are behind in your membership for 2 years unfortunately we will not be sending you a newsletter. If you wish to change how you receive your newsletter please let me know. Recently 7 RPCVs have donated \$610 to the Grant Fund. Our wonderful **Fred Corvi** continues to locate RPCVs. For these 'newbies'

membership dues are \$15.00 per year or \$50.00 for 5 years. Your membership entitles you to a subscription of our Amigos de Honduras newsletter that is printed February, May, August and November (usually). The back page of the newsletter, Membership Info, is how you can keep us updated with your pertinent information. **We love to hear from you!**

Just a reminder: you can always check your membership due date by looking at your mailing label. Thank you to members who send me notes to correct their expiration dates. I'm hoping I have it all correct now. In our current trying and dangerous times **I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy.**

ORGANIZATIONS DOING HURRICANE RELIEF IN HONDURAS

Loren Hintz
Most were first mentioned on the Peace Corps Honduras Facebook page by RPCVs especially posts on Nov. 5 and Nov. 8. Here are their names and links. These groups do other work but are now focused on food, housing, clothing, medical care specific to the flooding from Hurricanes Eta and Iota. Many of their websites have lots of photos of the hurricane damage and recovery. Also several people mentioned specific go fund me projects based upon people they knew. I did not include them but rereading the PCH Facebook will give you that info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2209604190> I have donated to/or have personal experience with the first 5 organizations.



1. **CAMO Central American Medical Organization** (RPCV founded, focusing on western Honduras) <https://www.camo.org/>
2. **SHI Sustainable Harvest International** (RPCV founded, focusing on agriculture), <https://www.sustainableharvest.org/>
3. **HSN Honduras Solidarity Network** (of Alliance for Global Justice, supporting local groups) <http://www.hondurassolidarity.org/>
4. **Catholic Relief Services** (of CARITAS), <https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/honduras>
5. **Solidaridad** (Honduran children and education organization) <https://www.facebook.com/websoolidaridad/>
6. **AJC Children's Foundation** www.ajccf.org
7. **Florida Immigrant Coalition** (FLIC) <https://floridaimmigrant.org/> The Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC) will be partnering with local organizations to provide immediate relief to impacted families.
8. **Honduras Hope** <https://www.hondurashope.org/>
Honduras Hope is a New

Hampshire-based non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization supporting health, education, and entrepreneurship in rural Honduras. We are 100% volunteer and travel to our sister communities four times per year. The contributions of so many each year support a variety of programs in the Honduran communities of Plan Grande, San Jose de Machigua and Yoro.

9. **HEDC Honduras Educational Development** **Asst.** <https://hedac.org/hurricane-eta/>
RPCV's sister is on the board of HEDAC which is based in Chicago. HEDAC's genesis was a result of Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Sadly, our communities, 20 years later, are again suffering as a result of Hurricane Eta. The images below give you a sense of what our communities are going through now exacerbated by being in the middle of a pandemic.
10. **CEPUDO:** Capacitacion, Educacion, Produccion, Unificacion, Desarrollo, Organización <https://cepudohonduras.org/>
CEPUDO began with a program called "Women in Development." Works with communities in Honduras to overcome conditions of extreme poverty by providing shelter for those most in need, relieving hunger through monthly aid, and bringing hope to the youth through education
11. **Roatan Healthy Families** <https://www.facebook.com/familiasaludablesroatan/>
12. **Guiran**, hope for the people <https://www.facebook.com/guiranhn/>

13. **Whole Hearts Missions** (Carlos David Martinez) <https://www.wholeheartmissions.com/> RPCV John Kotula says he knows Carlos well and have talked with him a lot about the work his church does supporting the community. He is a very trustworthy man and you can donate to this project with complete confidence that the funds will help the people most in need.

14. **La Ceiba Rotary Club** <https://www.facebook.com/Club-Rotario-La-Ceiba-347403445381072> George Harast's wife is president. Email harastn@ymail.com

Amanda Browne shared 3 websites as ways to help Honduras and Nicaragua during Hurricane Eta: 15. **Direct Relief** <https://directrelief.org> 16. **Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)**: <https://paho.org/en> 17. **Fundación Ruth Paz**: <http://fundacionruthpaz.org>

18. RPCV Thomas Carter: My organization aguapuraparaelpueblo.org is working in Ocotepeque department repairing community water systems, working with 19. Proyecto Aldea Global <https://www.paghonduras.org/>



FACEBOOK ADVICE ON SENDING MONEY What is the best way to send money to Honduras? I am trying to send it to

a particular family on the north coast/Ceiba area.

Steve. S. My wife and I use MoneyGram at Walmart to send money. Can be picked up at bank HSBC.

Blair E.W. I've had good success using WorldRemit. You can send to a bank account or they can pick up directly (certain locations). Fees are very low to transfer

Felice C.y I use [xoom.com](https://www.xoom.com), which gives the recipient several options where they can pick up. It's really quick and funds are available almost immediately. Fees are on par or a touch lower than other services like WU or MoneyGram.

Vanessa P. & Anna W. I still use Western Union, never had an issue

Andrew G. Western Union is all over Honduras ·

Becky W. I use MoneyGram

Jeffrey D. Depending on which town or city find out if there is either a MoneyGram or Western Union in the location where the money will be picked up. My wife sends money via MoneyGram every month to her family because WU is not an option in there small town, only MoneyGram.

Lorenz H. I have transferred money from my US credit union to their bank account in Honduras. Need to provide physical address of bank and contact info of recipient.

HURRICANE ETA AND IOTA DAMAGE AND RELIEF GROUPS Loren Hintz, Olanchito (1980-2)

SOLIDARIDAD is a Charitable Association dedicated to helping malnourished children in Honduras through its Centro Nutricional also help education Program. IOTA has hit Solidaridad Honduras in its own home: Today, Thursday, November 18, two of the most committed volunteer leaders (Maynor and Oscar) immediately moved to the

IZOPO mountain (where Solidaridad has its Nutritional Center) to attend to one of our beneficiary families who has lost practically everything ... except hope. Your help is welcome ... as always.

LAKE YOJOA RELIEF RPCV Robert Gallardo Natural disasters have always taken its toll on people and whether one believes it or not, climate change is real, and catastrophic phenomena that were once 100-year events are happening more frequently. Within a two week period two consecutive hurricanes battered Nicaragua and Honduras and had devastating results. Most people who know us know that we mostly work in environmental education and sustainable tourism, together with our Pro Nature Honduras Foundation. However, these disasters have hit close to home (albeit we're safe) and left hundreds of people homeless. Here at Lake Yojoa Hurricane Iota brought more than 30 hours of torrential rain to the already water laden soils. Landslides took lives and displaced entire communities.

We have therefore decided to lend a helping hand where we can. We have already identified one center where part of a village has been relocated due to mudslides and we are soon planning to visit other centers. We realize that there is enormous need across the region and there are many other organizations working in relief programs. At least for the moment there is very little presence here at the Lake and at least one city (Las Vegas) has been entirely cut off due to major road damages. In a rapid response we can purchase food, used clothing and other supplies to those who need it the most. We have joined forces with Fauna Ventures to begin a small relief program where you can donate directly online. Our actions of delivering aid to people as a result

from your donations will be posted each time we deliver goods. <https://www.gofundme.com/.../v/mq9p-honduras-hurricane...> Or you can also mail a check to: Fauna Ventures, PO Box 1768, Mooresville, NC 28115

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES started its work in Honduras in 1959 with a rural food distribution project. Over the next two decades we added agriculture, health and water and sanitation programs. In the 1980s, CRS Honduras assisted refugees fleeing the civil war in neighboring [El Salvador](#) and created long-term development programs in the neediest communities. Our assistance in the 1990s culminated with the CRS and [Caritas Honduras](#) response to Hurricane Mitch, one of the greatest natural disasters ever to hit Central America. Over the last decade we concentrated on our core strengths of rural development projects in [health](#), [education](#), [agriculture](#), [peacebuilding](#), and [water and sanitation](#). At present we work with and through [Caritas](#) and our local partners in seven departments throughout the country. The changing economic, social and political landscape in Honduras in the coming years will challenge us to be responsive to the needs of the poor in new and innovative ways.

HONDURAS SOLIDARITY NETWORK More flooding has affected nearly the entire country causing even greater displacement of people in the Valle de Sula region and the department of Colón. We are still checking in with groups around the country to evaluate the damage and the need for help. Although people haven't been able to recover from the ravages of Hurricane Eta two weeks ago, **the support has made a difference in the lives of so many**

people in Honduras. While the government of Juan Orlando Hernández has worsened the catastrophe through a combination of inaction as well as obstruction of aid and emergency help, your donations have been put to work supporting grassroots and community based organizations. Hurricane relief and response is so difficult when there is widespread mistrust of government institutions. Honduran sources insist that any aid sent through the Honduran government and the disaster management institution, COPECO, will be used to promote President Juan Orlando Hernández's National Party in next year's elections. Corruption scandal after corruption scandal has made the true intentions of the government very clear: public money is to be stolen to benefit the wealthy. It hardly ever will reach the people that need it the most, even when disasters strike.

Your solidarity has materialized into support for Afro-indigenous grassroots groups like the Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras (OFRANEH), small farmer groups with a national and regional presence like the National Farm Workers' Federation (CNTC), coffee cooperatives, regional popular organizations like the Coordinator of Popular Organizations of the Aguan (COPA), support for youth groups like Paso a Paso, and the Movimiento Amplio por la Dignidad y la Justicia (MADJ), amongst others. **All of these groups work directly with communities that were flooded, forced to flee, and are directly responding to the humanitarian crises generated by the hurricanes.**

Your donations have also been sent to women's groups in the El Progreso region that have formed a large community kitchen and food

bank for shelters and children's orphanages. Money has gone to boat rescue and evacuation teams that go into the water to rescue people from their rooftops or take their trucks in to help people evacuate their houses. Another team is taking supplies to affected families in the La Lima, Baracoa, and La Planeta areas where some families couldn't or didn't want to leave their livelihoods, their homes, or their rooftops.

Via RPCV Kathy Tschiegg CAMO's Founder and Executive Director: All of us have had our world flipped upside down in 2020. This includes the people we serve. Only a short distance from us the people of Central America have suffered the pandemic and two back-to-back hurricanes. In the beginning of November, hurricane Eta passed through Honduras leaving more than **1.7 million people affected**. Two weeks later, Iota came and compounded the damage already done by Eta. This affected **3.5 million people**; homes flooded to the rooftops; buildings, bridges, roads, communities, and crops completely swept away. Over 132,000 people are in shelters. A great number of families have lost everything and are now unable to access essential health services in the midst of an uncontrolled pandemic. Due to limited space in overcrowded shelters and lack of personal hygiene products and mask, COVID-19 cases are expected to surge in the aftermath of these two hurricanes.

It is now estimated that of a population of 9.5 million Hondurans, 6.9 million are expected to fall into extreme poverty. We are left speechless seeing the devastation and hearing the reports coming from Honduras. We can hear it in their voices, the trembling, the frustration, the urgency. Unfortunately, these events have not been given any USA

media attention. We have 51 employees on the ground in Honduras dedicated to rebuilding people's lives and fighting the war against poverty and COVID.

In August CAMO was entrusted with funding from the International Bank of Development and the Ministry of Health of Honduras specifically to manage the prevention and treatment of COVID in three departments of Honduras. We have hired 177 employees who are under our supervision and dedicated to this work.

The people of Honduras have suffered through two hurricanes and a pandemic: three catastrophes of epic proportions. We ask you to consider a special year-end donation to CAMO so we can continue to bring hope through rebuilding homes, schools, meeting basic nutritional needs and to restore hope to those who have had everything taken from them.

1969 Peace Corps Honduras Film Now on YouTube

Ron Anderson (Tegucigalpa, D.C., 1968-1971)

Don't Think / Some Days, a 1969 film depicting the thoughts, attitudes and a glimpse into the daily lives of five Peace Corps Volunteers in Honduras, is now on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/meIMobcNSQ0>.

The film was highlighted in the March 2010 *Amigos de Honduras* article "Peace Corps Honduras, 1969 - the film!" written by then Assistant Editor Maggie McQuaid (Pespire, Choluteca 1976-78).

The YouTube platform features a digitally restored video file of *Don't Think / Some Days* within a pillar-boxed HD aspect ratio that vastly

enhances visual resolution of the film. The YouTube video is also closed captioned. The digital restoration owes its existence to Karen Chaput, former Video Production Manager for Peace Corps in Washington, DC and an event coordinator for the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary.

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS *(to a Peace Corps Volunteer's house in Honduras)*

'Twas the night before Christmas
and all through Pespire
it was one big fiesta, with everyone
cheery.

And I in my hammock in a *cerveza*
haze,
Was thinking back to my more
northerly days,
When a knock on the door ended
my brief siesta
And I sprang to my feet, muttering
"Quien es esta?"

It was a stranger! I drew back in
fear, til' a voice said in English
"Does the gringa live here?"
His red suit was filthy, he looked
tired and sick,
but I knew in that moment it must
be Saint Nick!
"Santa!" I said, "What are you doing
here?"

As I brought him inside and I got
him a beer.
"It's a long story," he said, full of
gloom,
"And I'll tell you as soon as I use
your bathroom.
I was stopped at the border, they
acted *muy loco*,
for I had no passport, *ni visa tampoco*.
But then what was worse was those
border-guard boys
confiscated my sleigh and my sack
full of toys."

"But how did you get here?" I asked
with a shiver.

"Like everyone else does – I waded
the river."

To his lips came a sigh, to his eyes
came a tear.

"This is awful," he said, "Get me
out of here!

Send me back north, to Fairbanks
or Nome,
but I hate the tropics. I want to go
home"

"Now Santa," I said, "I'm in the
Peace Corps,
And you know I've heard that old
story before.

But I'll tell you the truth, Nick, you
nearly blew it.

Cause down here, when there's
work to do, well – you do it.
The job may be tough, the
environment sleazy,
But nobody said it was gonna be
easy.

Now Central America may make
you ill, but this is one place
that needs peace and good will.
Folks from Guatemala, way down
to the Isthmus, are all waiting for
you

Because *WE NEED CHRISTMAS!*
"Maggie," he said, "You have got
me inspired, I was wrong to give up,
I guess I was just tired, But now you
have given me strength to pull
though."

"Oh shoot, Nick" I said, "I have
been through it too."

So we finished our beers and then
with no more fuss,
We went out and flagged down a
Teguice-bound bus,
And I heard him exclaim, as he
roared out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a
good night!"

Now this is the truth, folks, you
know I'm no fool.

And I wouldn't lie to you, (*Well, not
during Yule.*)

So wherever you are on this *Noche
Buena*,

Y'all take it easy. – Arizona Magdale

I wrote this for the PC/Honduras
newsletter "**Alli No Mas**" in
December, 1977, my second

Christmas in country. **Maggie McQuaid, Perspire 1976-78**

HISTORY OF JEANNETTE KAWAS NATIONAL PARK

Hugo Varela [17h](#)

30 years ago I passed by a place next to the Cinema in the center of Tela and I was struck by some murals there. I was appreciating them and discovered that they were about a project of declaration of the National Park of the Punta Sal peninsula and its marine environment, also the creation of a foundation that will take care of it. I found it very interesting and an American boy approached me and said he was **Andres Stoll** and he asked me: What do you think? And I answered "let me know how I could help" (because by that date I lived in La Ceiba.) He told me that every day people passed by and that they always said the same thing that they were willing to cooperate but that Tela needed people to take the initiative and be at the forefront for the protection of natural resources. I said I am ready to help, tell me what to do. I was told that Monday will be the first meeting in the house of Dr Colindres behind the Contaduria and other people will arrive. So it was that we got together and started getting to know each other **Jeannette Kawas, Corina Vda de Canales, Iris Rapalo, Luis Orellana, Ciro Navarro, Isabel Gamez, Alejandro Andino and logically Andres Stoll**. Months later we founded **PROLANSATE** and began to process the legal status that was achieved in 1992 and then the declaration of a National Park in 1994. The image that is shared is from the trip we made the day after the first Board of Directors took office in the Cocalito sector.

Today, when I saw a post from last year, I shared it but a comment from Alejandro Andino who was in exile for 20 years for his fight to defend

the park caught my attention. He implied that all of us teleños are proud of our natural resources, but there are few who defend them. Today more than ever, like 30 years ago, we need good citizens to go to the front. Remember that the first defenders of the park are already grandparents ... but the enemies of the park are also grandparents and also have grandchildren.



In foto: Hugo Varela, Don Isabel Gamez, George Bustillo, Jeannette Kawas, Dr. Jorge Guevara, Ela Corina Escobar de Canales

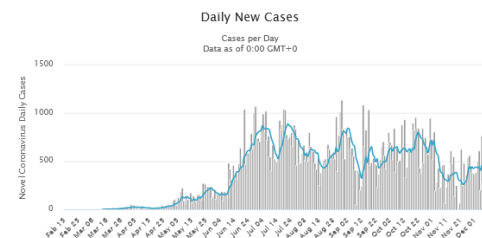
Editor Note: this history was posted on Spanish Facebook this year. On Feb.6, 1995 Jeannette Kawas was murdered at her home in Barrio El Centro in Tela. She was one of many environmental activists killed over the years in Honduras. **According to Wikipedia:** Since there was no more interest on the Honduran justice system's part in resolving this crime, on January 13, 2003, the Team of Reflection, Research and Communication (ERIC) of the Society of Jesus and the Centre for International Justice (CEJIL) sent three individual requests to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in which they declared the State of Honduras responsible for the murders of Jeannette Kawas, Carlos Escaleras, and Carlos Luna.[5] In 2005, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights found Kawas v.

Honduras admissible;[6] its ruling in 2009 set international legal precedent for the requirement that governments must protect at-risk environmental human rights defenders.[7]

NEWS OF PCVS AND HONDURAS

Compiled by Loren Hintz

Wordometer 12.9.20 Honduras has had 112,175 cases of Covid and 2952 deaths. It ranks 59th in the world in deaths per million.



Guatemala turns around U.S.-bound migrant caravan from Honduras

CBS News 10.5.20

Guatemala has sent back almost 3,500 Honduran migrants from a caravan that was heading to the United States over concerns they might spread COVID-19, President Alejandro Giammattei said on Sunday. In a televised message, Giammattei said Guatemalan security forces were able to "contain" the caravan that according to the president was a factor in the transmission of the virus.

Latin America children face major education setbacks

from COVID-19

Reuters 11.9.20 Latin American children have lost four times more days of education from the coronavirus pandemic than students in the rest of the world, a UNICEF report on Monday showed, with over 137 million young people in the region still not back at school. Latin America has been hard hit by COVID-19, with more than 11.6 million cases and over 400,000

deaths, according to a Reuters tally. The United Nations children's agency found that the region's children had been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. "While schools are gradually reopening in several parts of the world, the vast majority of classrooms are still closed across the region," it said. "Over one-third of all countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have yet to set a date for school reopening. "The report also found that COVID-19 was likely to exacerbate sky-high inequality and push more children out of formal education. With many in the region studying from home, a lack of technology infrastructure, such as tablets and computers, meant many children were likely to drop out of school." The economic impact of this education crisis will be felt for years to come," the report said

Two U.S. citizens detained for speaking Spanish at Montana grocery store settle suit against U.S. Customs and Border Protection **New York Daily News 11.25.20** A pair of American women detained by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent after they were overheard speaking in Spanish at a Montana convenience store have reached an undisclosed settlement in their lawsuit against agency, the ACLU announced. Ana Suda and Martha "Mimi" Hernandez were out buying groceries in the city of Havre, a small town about 35 miles from the Canadian border, when they were approached by Agent Paul O'Neal the night of May 16, 2018. He asked both women for their IDs and then admitted to doing so because he heard them chatting in another language.

Frank Almaguer just shared Hurricane Iota news with me. **Wed, Nov 18 at 6:28 PM** "Loren, since you are active on FB, you may want

to include this update that I just received from SPS. SPS has been hit just as hard by Iota as it was by Eta. Generally exactly the same areas flooded again and continue to be underwater. La Lima, River Hernandez, La Planeta, the airport, Chamelecon. The only difference really is that this time there was some preparation ahead of the storm, an estimated 175000 people were evacuated. So far the only area not to flood again is the Bajos de Choloma (Gilden, Beco, and Bijao) but the Chamelecon River is very high, and will remain so for at least another 24 hours.

The same companies have been hit again, Cargill, Clover brand, Azunorsa, being amongst the biggest. All the main roads out of SPS are currently closed, with various estimates ranging between 12 and 24 hours before they will be cleared for normal traffic. An interesting statistic: over 10,000 people are currently in Shelters, Covid tests being conducted on incoming guests are so far showing over 50% positive for Covid. It appears we are close to Herd immunity, at least in the poorer barrios."

Book by Randolph W. Hobler RPCV Libya 1968-9, rhobler@optonline.net www.101arabiantales.com **Special New Collective Peace Corps Memoir** I was in the Peace Corps in Libya 1968-9 and am just on the cusp of publishing a special memoir. Rather than the individual memoirs of 1,000 + RPCVs, mine is a *collective* memoir that incorporates the experiences of 101 RPCVs. "This memoir contains not just the memories and observations of one volunteer but of one hundred. It is therefore that much more authoritative." Robert E. Gribbin, III Ambassador to Rwanda and

Central African Republic. "Randy has written the best memoir of a Peace Corps experience that I have ever read. His amazingly detailed book instantly grips the reader by putting Libya in its properly rich and unique historical perspective." Niels Marquardt Ambassador to Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon, Madagascar and the Union of the Comoros.

The Peace Corps will reopen its program in El Salvador, Director Jody K. Olsen announced today. 11.20.20 "El Salvador and her people have been a cherished part of the Peace Corps family since our earliest days, and I am so pleased to share this good news as we begin commemorating our 60th anniversary," said Director Olsen. "I want to thank our many community and government partners in El Salvador for their support and enthusiasm and the Peace Corps staff who worked diligently to lay the groundwork for this important decision. We look forward to opening a new Peace Corps office in San Salvador soon." More than 2,300 Peace Corps volunteers have worked on community and youth development projects throughout El Salvador since the program was established in 1962. And first left in 1980 because of the Civil War. The program was suspended in 2016 due to security concerns. Peace Corps staff traveled to El Salvador in the fall of 2019 to meet with ministry officials and carry out assessments focused on safety and security, health, management and operations, and programming and training. The Peace Corps is planning to send community economic development volunteers to El Salvador in 2022. **(Editor Note: No news yet on reopening Honduras)**

Amigos de Honduras Membership Info

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Job _____

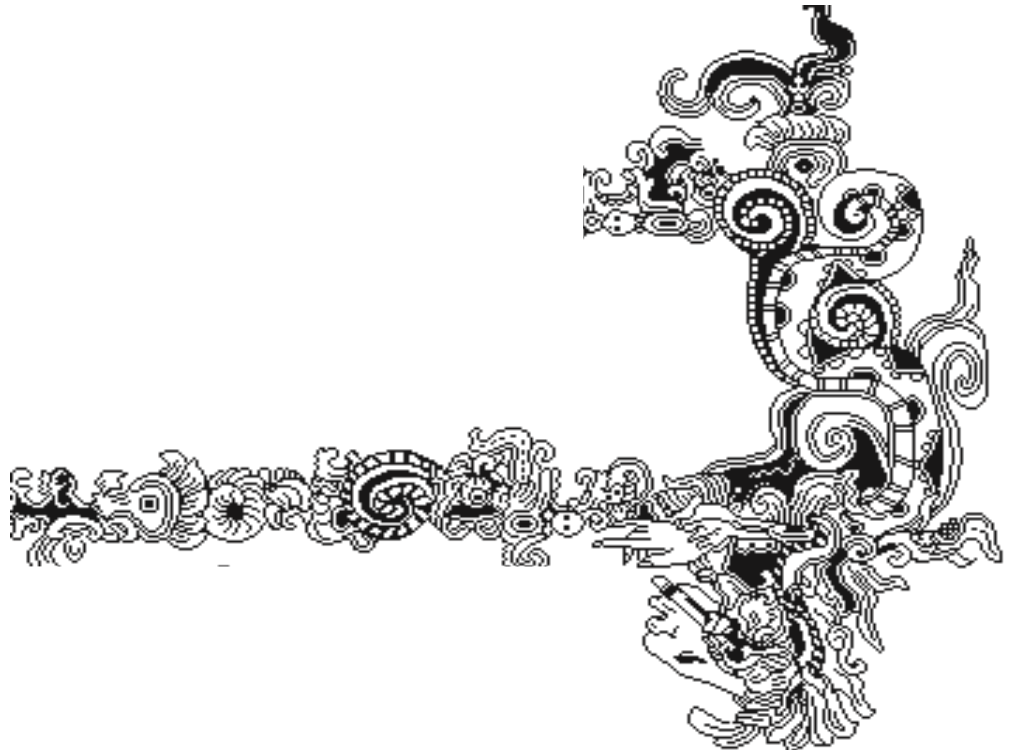
Post-Peace Corps Experiences (occupation, marriage, children, travels, interests) _____

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