



*Youth afternoon – sack races!*

**Laure fast facts:**

- located in the south-west corner of Honduras about three hours from Tegucigalpa
- Laure CRC on Google Earth: Lat 13°25'16.69"N Long: 87°21'53.19"W
- has a population of 2000 people living in 465 houses
- has some basic services such as water, electricity, two kindergartens, a primary school, health center, three churches and a few phone lines
- is well organized by local leaders, who have formed a number of community boards
- is located in a very dry, impoverished part of the country
- most employment is in agriculture or shrimp and salt factories
- various crops are grown including corn, beans and watermelon
- crops are often affected by drought or seasonal flooding, depending on the time of year
- the Honduran government has recently begun a project to encourage personal crop farming using rain catchment barrels and drip lines
- drug abuse is a rampant problem in the community – it is estimated that 80% of the youth have experimented with or are addicted to drugs
- the CRWRC through the Diaconia Nacional is extremely active in Honduras, bringing aid, education, health programs and more to the people in remote areas

It is a real thrill for us to be partnered with this town and church – we were paired up by the CRWRC staff in Honduras, and it wasn't until we arrived in Laure that we learned our churches had the same name! Our goal is to build a relationship of mutual encouragement and blessing. New Life Abbotsford hopes to learn how to:

- respond to situations of extreme poverty with compassion and positive action;
- make a difference in someone's life without "doing for them"
- enrich and increase our spiritual health by reaching out to others.



*Children's health program – weigh-ins, vitamins, nutritional education and*

The community of Laure hopes to

- improve health and hygiene living conditions, especially for the children
- improve their water supply, their housing (floors and latrines)
- prevent drug abuse among the youth
- provide drug awareness education and counselling

During our trips to Laure, we have been involved in building over 40 latrines and 25 floors. The families who received these household improvements provided all the materials (rocks, water and sand) and prepared the work site (levelling, digging, etc). New Life supplied the concrete, encouragement and assisted in creating the improvements.

We were blessed to work shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters, bonding with one another, forming life-changing friendships. We sponsor a drug prevention program designed by the community leaders and Diaconia Nacional staff which is experiencing amazing results, with many youth becoming sober and turning to Jesus as their Saviour.

We are planning another trip to Laure January 12-21, 2012 and are preparing to welcome another delegation from Laure to Canada in September 2012.



*Constructing cement floors – keeps the children from living on mud which can cause worms and other issues*



*The start of a latrine – a first for many families in Laure!*



*Worship and fellowship time – music is a great bond no matter what the language!*