



Protecting People and Forests in Central Honduras

In partnership with *Rotary Club of Fort Collins - Breakfast*, *Trees, Water & People (TWP)* is expanding their watershed-scale program in the Montecillos Biological Reserve in Central Honduras. With local partner, *Center for Education in Sustainable Agriculture (CEASO)*, we are helping twelve rural coffee-growing communities adapt to devastating climatic changes in the region. Using a mix of proven tools and approaches, TWP and CEASO are making life more livable in the area by improving access to food, water & energy.

The Project

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The Need

In the buffer zone of the Montecillos Biological Reserve, the Mesoamerican Pine Beetle has wiped out half of existing Honduran Pines, while a coffee fungus reduced production by up to 60% in some areas. As income dries up, families struggle to meet their most basic needs and put additional pressure on the natural resources in the Reserve to try to recover what they've lost. TWP and CEASO are building resilience into the recovery.

GOAL: Have a stove and rainwater cistern in every home, and to have two 10,000 tree nurseries in every community by the end of 2019.



220 of 1,200 installed to-date



10 of 24 installed to-date



128 of 1,200 installed to date

How You Can Help

We are seeking to partner with Rotary Clubs interested in sponsoring a community expand this project in the Montecillos Biological Reserve in 2018 and 2019. If your clubs would like to work with us to bring a more sustainable future to Honduras, we are recruiting clubs from all districts across the US. We are looking for clubs who would like to apply for a district matching grant. **To support this project visit www.matchinggrants.org/project2180.html**

In Memory of Lucas Wolf

TWP's project in the Montecillos Biological Reserve was started by Rotary World Peace Fellow, Lucas Wolf. Lucas studied International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies through a Rotary Peace Fellowship in Argentina in 2008. His application to the program was sponsored by *Rotary Club of Fort Collins - Breakfast*, where he kept close friendships throughout his career. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras from 2004 – 2006, and returned to work in Central America with TWP in 2015. In July of 2017, Lucas unexpectedly passed away in Cuba after an International Conference on Environment and Development in Havana. With this project, we are carrying on his legacy, and kicking off a 5 year effort to plant 1,000,000 trees in his name.



Travel to Honduras

Apart from sponsoring work in the Montecillos Biological Reserve, you can travel to the region with TWP Tours. Join us as we visit diversified coffee plantations and rural communities throughout the watershed, and see how we help them build resilience with agroforestry, clean cookstoves, and rainwater cisterns.

Visit www.TWP.TOURS to learn about our November 2018 trip to the region.