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World Vision Water Update: November 2016



Jose and Julia Benitez, holding a picture of their daughter Maria Paula.

Addressing the Root Causes of Immigration in Honduras

Honduras is the poorest country in Latin America behind only Haiti. The devastating poverty and violence from gangs and drug lords results in many people deciding to flee to the United States for a better life. If you visit many towns in the southwestern U.S., like Houston, you can see thousands of Honduran immigrants looking for jobs. Getting to the U.S. is a dangerous journey that can be deadly and many people don't make it successfully. What if we could address the root causes of immigration so Hondurans could have a better life in their own country? That's exactly what World Vision is doing through our comprehensive development program, and I'm visiting Honduras to see the work first-hand.

When we travel to the rural villages in Lempira, we hear more about the tragedy of poverty and immigration but also some seeds of hope. Jose Benitez, an elder of this village, lost his daughter when she left the community due to lack of opportunity and died in San Pedro Sula. It was the last straw for this community and they fully embraced the hand-up that World Vision was offering. Mr. Benitez donated land to the community so they could create a community garden using drip irrigation from water collected at nearby

water tanks provided by World Vision. Benitez is proud to tell me they have stopped the migration of youth away from the community by creating jobs and opportunity. Their efforts are very deliberate and successful. Each adult in the community brings a young person to work with them in the gardens and they've made the young people part of their savings group. They tell the young people that the gardens are theirs and that they have a future in the community. The flood of migration slowed and then stopped with only two of the 800 youth leaving and even those two returned recently. Benitez tells me, "Our community is a World Vision community".

[This blog](#) shares the stories of individuals and communities that are being transformed through World Vision's water work.



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