

## Hardworking Honduran Construction Crews

Without the dedication of the local workers who so desperately needed work, the clinic would not have begun to take shape so quickly. The clinic's construction meant that in the short term, there will be food on the table for the *lucky few* men and their families, throughout the next year or so.



Transformer Platform

One father with masonry skills showed up for work with his young apprentice son and in a matter of weeks, using the most basic of tools, completed an elevated concrete platform for the electrical



Guard House

transformer and a guard house for our site. Workers use resources and materials available in the area. So it should come as no surprise that we have a wooden mahogany guardhouse for the security officer on our site!

Generally, crews rely on manual labor, lacking the modern-day requisite automated tools and lifts so popular in the States. Locating heavy lifting equipment like cranes for the metal trusses and unloading of cargo containers from transport trailers was always a challenge. Even the mixing of concrete customarily done on a wooden plank or in a torn open cement bag thrown into a dug out pit in the ground is a chore. You can only imagine the thoughts and surprise when these crews saw the cargo container doors swing open and we unloaded new shovels, wheelbarrows with rubber tires, rakes, an electrical cement mixer, metal scaffolding and power tools. This project is one of the few places where work crews can gain new experiences and training that may help them secure work on future projects in the region.



Electric Cement Mixer