

Tech Serve, Our Building Partners from Arkansas

Perhaps the hardest job of all, beside identifying, purchasing and shipping all of the materials required at a foreign construction site, is to travel away from home for an indefinite period of time to work on a mission of selflessness – putting others before their own needs. This is precisely what the Tech Serve project superintendants and mission



volunteer teams did, donating their time, money and professional expertise to work on building our clinic. They left behind families, knowing that they would initially encounter a group of strangers who would soon become their brothers and sisters in service to others. They were joined by the men and women from the Honduran communities of La Entrada and Chalmeca, some of whom would work beside them as construction crew members while others would look after their needs by doing laundry, providing security, keeping their living quarters clean, cooking, arranging transportation and delivering local materials to the job site.

Volunteer team members serving with Tech Serve came from all parts of the US – Colorado, Washington State, Arizona, Texas, Montana, North Dakota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Florida and Indiana. These professional craftspeople, many of whom took vacation time, paid their own way to the construction site in Honduras and donated their skills to our construction project. Working with local Honduran crews, this



international family logged many long hours together, working without complaining during the heat of the day, over weekends and in the showers and mud of the rainy season, turning dreams into reality by building the clinic. They experienced political upheaval caused by the removal of the country's president, and the love in the Honduran people's hearts for what the volunteers were doing for the impoverished people of this country. As various aspects of the project were completed and visiting team leaders

returned home, they were replaced by other volunteers arriving with differing skill sets to advance this project. Although the Tech serve team volunteers had worked throughout the world, the supreme compliment was heard when reporting back to fellow team members that they had never experienced, in any other country, such kindness, gratitude and love as they shared with the local people who worked and served with them.