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Happy Spring! Here are a number of great stories of your PC days. Please keep sharing. If you send me something and it doesn't show up in the newsletter please send it again and ask what happened. (I have yet to master cyberspace.) Look at: <https://amigosdehonduraspcv.weebly.com/> Our web site has the forms for applying for Amigos de Honduras Grants and it has the old newsletters.

TREASURER REPORT

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Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2022
\$5,274.41 Ending balance Mar. 31,
2022 \$2,853.21 Current Balance as of
Apr. 30, 2022 \$3,053.21

Total deposits and transfers from NPCA: Jan. \$340.00 Feb. \$45.00
Mar. \$45.00

Total deposits and transfers from members and other sources: Jan.
\$280.00 Feb. \$765.00 March \$845.00

Total withdrawals and projects funded: Jan. \$12.00 Feb. \$3,176.92
Mar. \$1,564.21 #

#\$5,000 received from the Voyles Family Foundation designated for a project in East End, Cayos Cochinos on September 2021. In partnership with Rotary International for a Cayos Cochinos project \$2,940 was spent in Dec. 2021. The rest will be allocated and spent in Jan. and Feb. 2022. **Amigos de Honduras (Friends of Honduras) is a 501-3c approved organization. All contributions are tax deductible.**

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Thanks to all of you who have paid your membership dues. We currently have 191 members. Just a reminder that your membership dues are \$15.00 per year or \$50.00 for 5 years. Your membership entitles you to a subscription of our Amigos de Honduras newsletter that is printed February, May, August and November. The back page of the newsletter, Membership Info, is how you can keep us updated. If you wish to change how you receive your newsletter please let me know. I've been your secretary for about 3 years now and finally feel like I have a system that is working for me. I so enjoy hearing from you and appreciate your notes and questions that help me keep our records correct. Thanks to Loren for his leadership.

I'm enjoying reading **Scott Berg's** book about his adventures as a PCV in Honduras. What a life-changing time we all had! So many interesting stories! Please write at least 1 of yours down and send to Loren for our newsletters. We received \$865 for the Amigos Grant Fund since the Feb. Newsletter. **Thanks to donors Paul Dulin, Scott Berg, Gail Gall and Larry & Nancy Fitton.**

LAS FLORES AQUAPONICS AGRICULTURE PROJECT

Suzanne Mills (Olanchito, 2005-7)



hydroponics system with participants.

In April 2021, the young adults of Aldea de Las Flores, Olanchito, Yoro constructed an aquaponics agricultural system with a \$1,000 grant from Amigos. With the goal of helping the community transition to more sustainable agricultural methods, this project uses an innovative system of tanks to raise tilapia as well as grow vegetables using the resulting fish waste as fertilizer. The youth constructed the system in about a month with training and support from an Olanchito-based NGO, Alfalit.

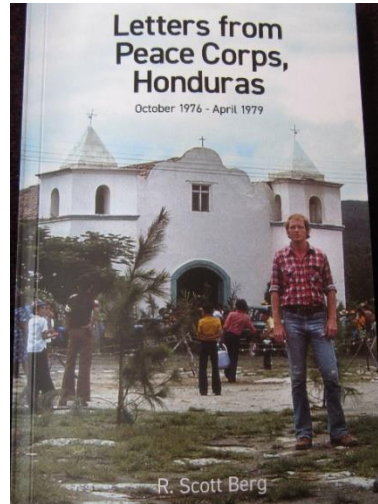
Alfalt's current female executive director, Lesly Zuñiga, rose to her current role from within the organization over the course of the past decade after initially working as a field technician. In the year since the aquaponics system was constructed, the youth have had two successful fish and vegetable harvests. These products not only help improve nutrition for project participants and their families, but also provide them with a source of additional income through sale of the surplus. The project continues to operate and is intended to be a long-term fixture in the community. The first of its kind in the municipality, it also serves as a model for other aquaponics systems that Alfalt hopes to help other communities construct in the future. Summary of costs: (\$1=L24) **Costos Directos** (Materiales, Herramientas e Insumos), L12,740; **Costos de Capacitaciones**, L4,277; **Mano de obra** (calificada y no calificada), L2,000; **Evaluación** (Viáticos y gastos de viaje), L4,600.



Harvested tilapia

LETTERS FROM PEACE CORPS HONDURAS Scott Berg (Aldea Mateo, Francisco Morazan, 1976-79) Thank you Amigos for ordering my non-fiction book: "Letters from Peace Corps Honduras---1976-1979." I still have

about 40 copies of the book that was referenced in the February newsletter. Please consider sharing information about the book to other PC organizations and state chapters that you may belong to. To date, we have been fortunate to raise about \$700 for worthy projects in Honduras. Several of you sent more than the \$40 asking price, so I was able to send more than \$20 per book to Amigos.



I have received feedback that writing a check and taking it to the PO is somewhat of a hassle. **Some preferred using Zelle and electronically transferring the contribution to my BoA account using my cell phone # 904-206-0118.** Other feedback has been very encouraging and rewarding for me. The book clearly brought back many fond memories of those challenging years in Peace Corps Honduras and the many lifelong friends we made. If you have letters or journals, I highly recommend writing them up and sharing them with the rest of us. It is an amazing experience.

Publishing the book has allowed me to reconnect with long-lost friends, as well as others that I never actually met from other years of service. We all share the same incredibly strong bond that only Peace Corps service can create. Thank you all again for

your contributions. **And if you just need a reminder, send a check to Scott Berg; 95174 Cook Rd.; Fernandina Beach, FL 32034** and I will forward the proceeds to Amigos and mail a signed copy of my book to you. Gracias Amigos de Honduras!

Scott Berg, rsbergassoc@aol.com

NPCA Glenn Blumhorst

The White House broke the big news on April 6: President Biden intends to nominate **Carol Spahn** to serve as the 21st Director of the Peace Corps. She began serving as acting director in January 2021 and has led the agency for the past 14 months, one of the most challenging periods in Peace Corps history. We at NPCA congratulate Carol Spahn for being formally nominated as Peace Corps Director, and applaud President Biden for his choice. We have been honored to work with Carol and her strong leadership team over the past year on collaborative efforts to navigate this difficult period of planning for the Peace Corps' new future. Spahn has more than 25 years' experience in international development, business, and health, including as Africa Region director for Peace Corps, country director for Malawi, and service as a Volunteer in Romania 1994-96. [Read more.](#)

Just weeks ago the first Volunteers began returning to service overseas, heading for Zambia and the Dominican Republic. As those Volunteers gathered in Washington, D.C., First Lady Dr. Jill Biden hosted them for a visit to the White House. Altogether, invitations are out for Volunteers to return to nearly 30 countries in 2022, almost two years after programs were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the

graphic

below,



take a look at the first 24 countries where Volunteers will be returning. The agency is also sharing a [behind-the-scenes look](#) at Volunteers returning to Zambia along with a video on how they are preparing to safely return Volunteers to service overseas. Expect to see more nations announced throughout the spring.

There's also good news on the budget front: Thanks in no small part to your advocacy work together with NPCA, President Biden has put forward a proposed budget that would see the first increase in Peace Corps funding in seven years — up to \$430.5 million, or about 5 percent. As the Peace Corps seeks to meet the needs of a changed world and follow through on important reforms, robust funding is essential.

Share your unique Peace Corps stories to help others understand the communities where you served. Trained volunteer interviewers are conducting in-depth, remote oral history interviews for the Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Oral History Archives Project (OHAP). To have your stories included in the archives, [sign up here](#). For more information, [visit the OHAP website](#) and contact [Evelyn Ganzglass](#). Record Your Own Journey and Access the Archives for a Treasure Trove of RPCV Stories.

INAUGURATION STORIES Kevin M. Kuschel, Choluteca and Tegucigalpa, 1981-1984

My wife shook me awake a few minutes before 5 AM. We had credentials for the inauguration emitted for us but were complicated for us to pick them up. "I got other credentials from the band the Guaraguao. They have some for us, all we have to do is get to the Hotel Maya by 7 AM" explained my wife Rosy. This meant getting up early to drive from Danli to Tegucigalpa. I made some coffee and we got on the road.

I have to say driving in Honduras makes me a bit stressed. I have been doing it on and off from the time I was a volunteer but as I have aged I find it convenient but not a joy. The drive from Danli is over some of the best road in Honduras and some of the worst. About half is newly laid concrete and great signage and road reflectors. There are even passing lanes on the longer mountain climbs so one can pass the trucks. Then abruptly it becomes a road of craters for 10 km. I have a very small car we keep in Honduras. It is a Suzuki Alto, 800 cc, great gas mileage but small tires so easily blown when you hit a **bache**. It takes about an hour and half to two hours for me to drive to Tegucigalpa. Fortunately we hit no major potholes and the sun was coming up by the time we hit the worse part. We got past the construction near Uyuca coming up the mountains before dropping down some into Tegucigalpa. The poor subsoil has left spots that are continuously being repaired for as long as I have traveled the road.

There was no traffic heading into Tegucigalpa. Then we headed towards the Hotel Maya. Near the Clarion Hotel the road I was taking was blocked off. A very large presence of police and blockades.

We headed to a back road. All entrances to the road we needed were blocked. I had my wife go ask the police officer if we could get by, we were going to be late. I still have the "Gringo" time sense and it causes me to stress about time when I am given a time to be some place. The police officer allowed us to pass when we explained our situation. **We were stopped five times more before we pulled into the Mayan Hotel parking lot.**

There was a lot of activity going on. There were busses pulling in, military and police on the surrounding streets. We went down to the restaurant for breakfast and meet up with our colleagues. No one seemed hurried or concerned about time. We had received several notes about the stadium closing at 7:30 AM and the start of the entertainment aspects of inaugural. I knew in my heart of hearts it would not start on time and we had time but it was a bit after 7 AM and we still needed to get to the stadium. I don't know why I should have been concerned about time if no one else was. Eat, chat miss the bus with our group. Get on another bus with seemed to be filled with some foreign diplomats. The police were handing out coloring books. Everyone took some. They have some famous sites around Tegucigalpa and promote the police/community relationship. **Maybe things were already starting to change.**

We got to the stadium relatively quickly through Barrio Morazan. There was a strong military and police presence as one might expect with presidents, vice presidents and special representatives from many countries in attendance. There were people all over crowding towards the entrances. It was well past 8 AM. None of the credentials I saw had any specific entrance listed but ours said lawn, others seats. We were dropped off at the seats entrance. There was no line. It was a large

group of people swamping a doorway. We were led to another doorway. It was swamped. One from our group got in but then was sent out. **Not our doorway.** Back to the other one. Bigger crowd around the door. Water started dripping off the roof of the stadium, almost like rain drops, heavy and wet. People in fine dresses and suits holding up their credentials trying to get in. **Patricia Rodas** steps out the door and tries to start to form lines. There are dozens of police in the hallway but none outside organizing crowds. People were shouting at Patty. We were being squished, water was occasionally dripping on us and many people were of the **tercer edad**. The police finally came out to try and organize a bit. **A path was opened for the father and mother of Xiomara.** My wife and I followed and were allowed in because of our age. It was around 11AM. There only one walk through metal detector. No wonder it was taking forever to get in. Police lined the stairs and hallways watching as we removed everything from our pockets etc. to walk through the machine. We were in the seats for the big wigs as I walked in and saw reserved seats for the King and Queen of Spain. We were led down to the track. We walked through the color guard and armed undress uniforms from all the branches of armed forces and security. We were able to choose open seats on the soccer field. It was now just starting with **Kara Lara** singing. There had been a long list of entertainment from dance groups to popular bands each given 15 minutes or less. Only Kara was able to play. She is a singer songwriter with progressive lyrics. She sang about 6 songs and one was the song about the banana strikes in the 50s called **Huelga**. Not written by her but well done. She also did a song about **Berta Caceres**. You can find her on YouTube. That was it. No dances, no group music etc. There were free sandwiches, soda and water in the

section we were in. For restrooms we used the locker rooms for the soccer teams under the field.

Soon the dignitaries began to arrive. They were announced and walked through the dress uniform troops. When **Kamala Harris** arrived the crowd chanted **"leve JOH"**. At this writing (2.17.22) apparently it is really happening. The loudest applause was for the Dominican Republic, recognized for the support they gave to Mel after the coup. Cuba and Argentina with **Vice President Kirtchner** attending were also well received.

We were in the front left of the main stage. It faced us but the people were fair distance away. We could see most of activities on stage on a giant screen when the glare from the sun wasn't overwhelming. Although I had my Wisconsin Badger cap on, I was wearing a Honduran flag over **my head with the light blue colors.**



The flag has returned so its original intended shade of blue and were being sold outside the stadium along with LIBRE flags, hats, scarfs etc. I had a large skin cancer tumor removed from my face when we were living in China. I wasn't up for so much sun. I would occasionally go down to the cool locker room to get out of the sun and watch what was

going on a TV. The ceremony itself was short. It was done twice. Once under protest because the congressional melee and once with a justice. Xiomara listed a number of things she was going to do. No one I talked to expects her to be able to accomplish the list entirely and much will be met with resistance **but it was a very progressive list and it looks like impunity is being fought with the recent arrest of JOH.**

The ceremony ended soon after her speech. We waited around. Xiomara walked out on to a raised walkway in the center of the field with her **granddaughter and some few bigwigs.**



We were able to be quite close and wave. Getting out of the stadium was quite easy. We decided as a group to walk back to the Maya. The crowds had disappeared so there were few people out except the barriers were still occupied by the police. We greeted them pleasantly. Everyone seemed more at ease. We saw a **pulperia** selling beer. We sat on the raised sidewalk drinking. I had an **Imperial**, my favorite from back in the days. The rest had **Salva Vidas**. Whenever a car would pass or a truck with military or police would drive by we would raise our bottles and cheer and they would cheer back. **After a few beers a guy stopped, bought us beers and gave us a ride to the Maya.**

PART TWO: CELEBRATION

When we got back to the Maya Hotel I went to the desk to see if we could get a room. We would normally stay with family or friends in Tegucigalpa and most everywhere we go but we were in no condition to drive back to Danli after the sun and beer. We certainly would not stay in the Maya if we chose to stay somewhere, but my car was there and I was leaving from there to go to the celebration concert in the evening. We got a room. I met some out of town friends and we walked down to just past the **San Miguel Market** to find a place to eat. There were a few restaurants open but not much you could sit down in. We got chicken. There are an amazing amount of chicken places throughout Honduras. Inexpensive and tasty, Cheap soda and beer what more can you ask? After the meal we walked back to the hotel to connect with the band the **Guaraguao**.

The Guaraguao are quite famous in Latin America. They have been together as a band for over 50 years. Much of their music and concerts are available on YouTube. My favorite song is **Casas de Carton**. They are quite political, come from Venezuela and have difficulty traveling. They were allowed to fly in on the diplomatic plane. They cannot travel easily due to visa restrictions in countries needed to fly to in order to transfer to a flight to Honduras. **A group my wife belongs to called the Diaspora International de Honduras paid for their appearance at the toma de possession.** Their act as many others were scratched due to time. They also were part of the celebration concert on Boulevard Suyapa in front of the University. We climbed in the double **cabina** pickup, I took a seat with several others in the pickup with the instruments and off we went.

When we arrived our group got separated in the crowd. A few of us stood about fifteen yards back in the street. A power rock band from Honduras called **Siddhartha** was playing. They were loud but interesting and enjoyable. Our other members of our group showed up with production passes. This meant we were able to go on stage with the band. We went back stage. The green room was a large tent. There was food and drink for the bands. We carried a few instruments up with the band and stood on the side of the stage for the show. One band member was new because the original keyboard player was unable to fly due to a heart condition. He was using sheet music. The wind picked up so I went to hold the music for a song. It was a cool experience for me to be on a stage with these artists and to look out onto the boulevard filled with **thousands of people singing and dancing with the lights on the far hillsides of Tegucigalpa.**

After their show we helped collect the instruments and bring them into the tent. **Jorge Aldana, newly elected mayor of Tegucigalpa arrived and chatted.** The next band, a more tropical, **punta** style band set up. We loaded the truck and jumped in the back. The keyboardist joined us, better to view the city he was first visiting. We unloaded at the hotel. Discussed where to go eat. I suggested El Patio on Boulevard Morazan. We pulled in and they were closing. Back in the truck and to their more late night bar place up the hill behind them. We had **parridas** and beer. We were with the Diputada from Cortes. **She was taking the band to be on Radio Progreso, playing concerts in Tela and San Pedro Sula.** We made it back to the hotel at after 1 AM.

The morning came and my wife and I headed to breakfast. We saw Eduardo, the lead singer and Cuatro

player of the Guaraguao. We had a very interesting discussion of the situation in Venezuela. The rest of the band eventually joined us and it was great to drink coffee and chat. **Lugo**, the former president of Paraguay was sitting next to us. He was very friendly. We exchanged contact information and the Guaraguao headed out to the North Coast and we headed back to Danli. **The hassle, the lines, and the sun the hotel had turned out to be worth it.**

Kevin wrote me: All the members of **Guaraguao** are together yet. 4 original. The keyboardist stayed in Venezuela due to health condition but still is their band mate. As a PCV I was in community service. **In Choluteca I worked with the Scouts of Honduras.** I also taught a world history class at a high school. I had the only textbook. After I married, my wife took a job in Tegucigalpa with AID on a breastfeeding project. I transferred to Tegucigalpa. **I was in the Ministerio de Trabajo: Asuntos de Mujeres y Menores.** The office was in front of Parque Libertad in Comayagua. We bought a house in **Los Robles** and still have it. I extended a year. Came to the USA in the summer of 1984. I promised my wife we would go back every year. Drove there 3 times. Since I have retired from being a bilingual social studies teacher for Milwaukee Public schools, I have travelled a lot and spend months every year in Honduras.

MORE PC STORIES:

43 YEARS WE ARRIVED FOR TRAINING James Keller (Choluteca 1979-81) On April 20, 1979, a Friday, our PCH Spring '79 Group arrived Day One in country. We departed the Miami Airport at 7AM after our busy 3-day staging in Florida, and headed south over the Gulf of Mexico. On the

way to Honduras, we had a short layover in Belize, then known as British Honduras. As the plane taxied down the runway at Stanley Field there, we noticed it was lined with machine gun bunkers, ready to repel any invasion attempt from neighboring Guatemala. We were there long enough to leave the plane and walk around in the simple terminal adorned with a framed picture of Queen Elizabeth II.

Back on the plane, a quick hop over the Bay Islands to land at La Ceiba, squeezed between a green mountainous backdrop and the sandy Caribbean beachfront. Then up into the clouds and on to Tegucigalpa, to experience the nail-biting terror of the suddenly decelerating drop-landing into Toncontin International Airport. After being waved through customs as VIP American honored guests of Honduras, our group was taken downtown to the Peace Corps Headquarters. Then someone important (maybe John Salazar?) led us to a nearby office where we were individually photographed and issued ID cards stamped with the Honduran official seal.

Then we all boarded a bus and were taken high above the city into the pine-forested mountains to a park-like setting called El Hatillo where the 25 of us were to spend the weekend "gelling" as a group and getting prepped for our upcoming ten-week period of Peace Corps Training. But of all these amazingly detailed memories, what is most memorable for us, Betty and James, is that at about 6 o'clock that wonderful evening up at El Hatillo we first met, sat down together, and found a lot to talk about and share with one another. So on that April 20, our Spring '79 Group began as PCV Honduras, but, much more importantly, it marks **our Beginning Day together 43 years ago.**

SERENDIPITY IN HONDURAS

Anthony Ives
(La Ceiba, 2003-5)

As a PCV in La Ceiba of my jobs as a business volunteer was with the **Cayos Cochinos Foundation** where I taught business development, English (of course), and served communities in a variety of ways as all PCV's do. But prior to that, I was a portfolio manager for the State of California, and ran a trading desk in Oakland, CA afterwards. When I joined the Peace Corps, then **Lt. Governor John Garamendi** had an event for his daughter, Liz, and myself in San Francisco as we were both in the same 2003 Peace Corps class. Liz COS'd early but I stayed in Honduras after my service to start a non-profit. One day while I was working in Cayos Cochinos, in Chachahuate. I received a phone call. The caller was John Garamendi. "Is this Tony?" "Yes" I said. **"This is John Garamendi. I need a favor."**

He needed someone from the U.S. preferably California to receive a vehicle donated by the State of CA to a non-profit hospital in Honduras. He wanted to know if I could do it. I said yes. He informed me that someone would come by La Ceiba to pick me up the next morning. The Cayos Cochinos Foundation brought me back to the mainland and the next day a truck arrived. **Dr. Luther Harry** picked me up with his partner and we drove down to pick up the vehicle. First we had to pick up documents at the Embassy. We drove to Tegucigalpa first, then to the border of El Salvador near El Triunfo. We drove down, I signed the paperwork and transferred ownership to me, in my name. That was incredible in itself. Then made the trek back up to Ceiba where we eventually transferred ownership to the hospital that Luther operated.

Dr. Harry also ran a scholarship program. By that time, I had a scholarship fund named **Grupo de Apoyo al Desarrollo or GAD**. The objective was sustainable development through education, conservation, and economic development. One of our young scholars ended up receiving a scholarship to study medicine in Cuba by way of Dr. Harry's hospital. **Juana Isabel Flores** was there for over six years studying to become a pediatrician. Luther had a hospital in La Ceiba, and in Colon. **Now Luther is the new Minister of Science, Technology, and Innovation in Honduras** and is instrumental in development projects especially in Garifuna communities. We still keep in touch and I am still involved in the lives and projects of our young scholars. Even today Representative Garamendi he is still a strong supporter and advocate of the U.S. Peace Corps.



Dr. Juana Isabel Flores, second down from the right

NEWS OF HONDURAS

Compiled by Loren Hintz

El Huff Post. EFE. 4.22.22 On Thursday afternoon, President **Juan Orlando Hernandez** left office 1.27.22. Hernández was sworn in as a representative of Honduras to the Central American Parliament, a traditional transition for Central American ex-presidents that affords them immunity from prosecution. **But on 2.15.22** he was arrested after an extradition request from the US. Federal prosecutors in New York have repeatedly spoken of Hernández's purported ties to drug trafficking, alleging his political rise was funded in part by drug profits. On 3.16, 3.28 and 4.18 a series of Honduran Supreme Court Judges and Commissions ruled that he could be extradited. On **4.22.22** he arrived in New York for trial.

NBC.2.17.22. Castro's Vice President Salvador Nasralla shared video of Hernández being led away from his home in shackles, writing: "This is what awaits the accomplices of Juan Orlando Hernández who produced so much pain, emigration and death for the Honduran people." José Heriberto Godoy, a 34-year-old Tegucigalpa businessman, said Hernández's arrest was bound to happen. "It's really what we expected." Still, the images of the handcuffed former president were hard to watch. "I really felt sorry for him because we are human and we have a heart," he said.

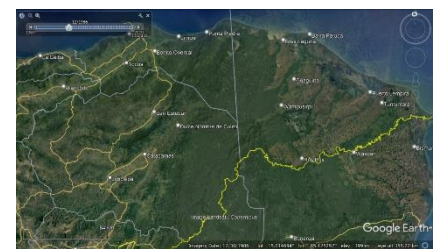
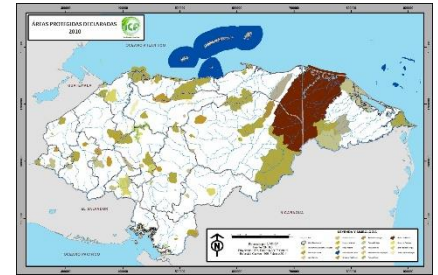
AP.4.22.22 Hernández, who was charged in court documents with participating in a drug trafficking conspiracy, possession of machine guns and destructive devices and conspiracy to possess machine guns and destructive devices. Hernández has denied any wrongdoing. In a video message released Thursday, he said, "I am innocent; I have been and I am being unjustly subjected to prosecution."

USA Today.4.21.22 The Biden administration is unnecessarily jailing immigrants requesting asylum, detaining thousands for months when they could be staying with family members or in supportive circumstances where they could pursue their cases safely and at less taxpayer expense, according to a report released Thursday by **Human Rights First**, an international human rights organization.

Sustainable Harvest International 3.22.22 Two weeks ago, our US-based team visited Honduras. We watched a water chlorinator being installed in an extremely remote community called **La Cañada, located high up in the mountains in Gracias, Honduras.** Reaching the community was not for the faint of heart, as the roads are almost non-existent in parts and it requires patience and perseverance to make the bumpy drive up the mountain to reach the village. Over 11 km of pipes descend from Puca Mountain (one of Honduras' highest peaks), collecting water down to the community water tank that provides drinking water for 43 homes. We spent the afternoon watching the installation being led by 22-year-old **Alicia Cruz**, one of our newly trained Circuit Rider interns thanks to a partnership with the U.S. Forest Service Youth Conservation Corps (YCC).

Mark Bonta Facebook 3.8.22 Posted satellite aerial photos of the forests of the **Santa Barbara NP and Cerro Azul-Meambar NP (PANACAM)** in 1969, and 2020. They look similar. We can appreciate the difference between conservation in the central part of Honduras, and in Moskitia. But the two aerial photos (shown below) show the destruction of the Biosphere, the extinction of the **Patuca National Park and the Tahuaka Asagni Reserve**, and the rest of the Moskitia between 1986 and 2020. The

afforestation and degradation of the Patuca National Park and the Tahuaka Asagni Reserve, were repeatedly denounced before the Environmental Prosecutor's Office, the Mi-Ambiente Ministry, ICF, the Attorney General's Office, C-9, FUSINA and never resolved. We all hope and trust in the campaign promises of President Ms. Xiomara Castro to protect the environment.



1986 above; 2020 below



You can see the dark green of undisturbed forest of the **Moskitia** is almost completely gone north of the Nicaragua border in yellow.

El Herald.4.22.22. Honduras' National Congress unanimously repealed a law that had enabled the creation of new special economic zones known by the acronym ZEDEs, which exempt companies from some national laws and taxes for a set period of time. (Previous issues of Amigos published articles showing how ZEDE was used to take land from local communities.)

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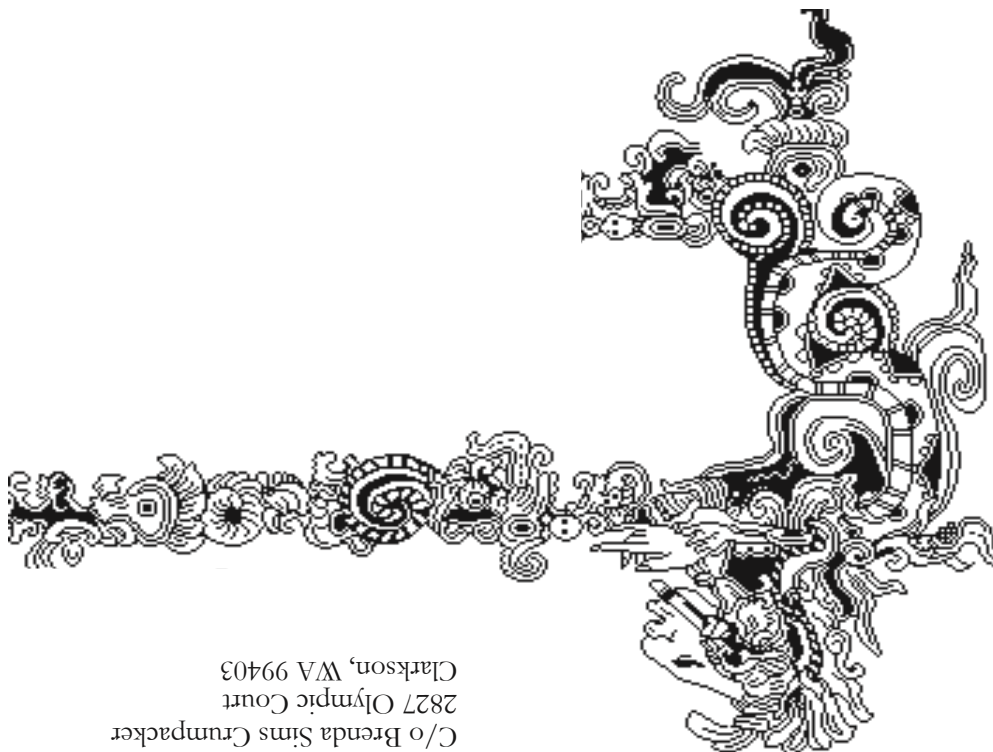
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