



## Tierra Nueva

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### Tierra Nueva Honduras

Tierra Nueva was founded in 1982 in Minas de Oro, Honduras (right above the D on map below) by Bob and Gracie Ekblad, Catelina Toc Pac and Fernando Andrade. Tierra Nueva started as a sustainable agricultural development and preventative health care mission that trained several thousand rural people in highly productive farming practices, nutrition, hygiene and other appropriate technologies. Eventually Bible study with people outside the church became a major focus.

After the Ekblads left Honduras in 1988 Tierra Nueva was left in the hands of a team of 15 leaders who continued to visit some 30 communities 2x a month, teaching farming, preventative health and leading Bible studies. The Ekblads continued to visit every year, focusing on training up leaders.



Empowering impoverished farmers and single mothers through education, helping communities install gravity-flow water projects, providing no-interest loans for picks, shovels, seed, Bibles, sheet metal for grain storage silo construction and helping landless agricultural committees obtain land for collective plots were part of Tierra Nueva's normal work for over 25 years.



Tierra Nueva shifted focus in 2008 due to increasing difficulties in promoting sustainable farming around traditional crops (corn, beans, rice), rising migration and a sense that the God was calling the mission to focus on outreach to people in extreme poverty outside the church. Veteran agricultural promotor David Calix became the leader and pastor of the new Tierra Nueva (see photo below)



In 2008 Tierra Nueva also obtained a coffee farm and began producing specialty coffee for export to Tierra Nueva in Burlington, WA. The objectives include funding Tierra Nueva's Honduran mission through coffee exports, modeling a sustainable cash crop using minimal chemical produces and providing employment at a living wage. In 2016 TN Honduras is exporting over 10,000 lbs of green beans to Tierra Nueva USA.

Currently Tierra Nueva's primary focus is reaching out to people in extreme poverty who are unreached by the church. Pastor David Calix visits people in their homes in Minas de Oro and Mal Paso, reading the Bible and praying with them. Hogares en Transformation (households in transformation) is what he calls his efforts at establishing house churches.



In addition, Pastor David has started a worshipping community in the village of Mal Paso—a community wracked by violence and poverty. In 2016 he completed the construction of a church building where 35-50 people gather weekly.

Tierra Nueva's monthly budget of \$850.00 per month includes a stipend for Pastor David, money for diesel and other expenses to run TN's Toyota truck, and money for refreshments for the various gatherings.

Tierra Nueva's current plans are to complete construction of a training center in Minas de Oro where people can receive courses in coffee production, Bible study and other needed skills.

In 2013 Pastor David and his family were forced to leave their home and fields in Mal Paso due to extreme violence that involved the death of 9 men. Consequently, there is a need for a home base for Pastor David and in family in Minas de Oro, where Tierra Nueva already has a building and where Bob and Gracie Ekblad have a small house. This home base needs to include drying patios for TN's coffee, and clean and secure storage space to keep the dry coffee.

Currently we are raising money for the following projects:

- 1) \$850.00 per month for Tierra Nueva Honduras' operating expenses
- 2) \$25,000.00 to complete Tierra Nueva's training center in Minas de Oro
- 3) \$60,000.00 to purchase land and construct house, drying patios and coffee storage rooms in Minas de Oro.

Donations can be made out to Tierra Nueva and designated for any of the above projects. Please send to Tierra Nueva, P0 Box 161 Burlington, WA 98273

You can also donate online at [tierra-nueva.org/tn-honduras](http://tierra-nueva.org/tn-honduras).  
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