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Dear Proyecto Mirador,

I would like to sincerely thank you for the one thousand 2x3 improved stoves built in Sinuapa, Ocotepeque. I was one of a number of Peace Corps volunteers who sent in a joint solicitud for stove projects last June and I want you to know how great I think your organization's work is. I have since returned to the US but will always have wonderful memories of Proyecto Mirador and its work in Honduras.

Most Peace Corps volunteers learn about the need and benefits of improved stoves either during training or their 2 years of service. I was surprised to only learn about your organization half way through 2011. I had worked with various women's groups and the municipal building to promote activities for women during my service. One of the big reasons I was pushing for the project is that improved stoves have a huge, positive impact on women's health, as well as many other benefits.

I cannot begin to tell you how exciting it was to see people's reactions to the stoves in town and the rural communities. I know it was a bit of a change for your organization, as Sinuapa was the first municipality in which you worked in the department of Ocotepeque and thus, was a bit further than the places where Proyecto Mirador normally works. However, I hope you continue to branch out to other areas in Honduras because there are so many places that have the need as you very well know.

I really admire Proyecto Mirador and I am very impressed with the organization and staff. I have observed many types of organizations working in Honduras and I believe Proyecto Mirador is the most efficient and effective by far that I have known. Although, I never had the pleasure of meeting her, Doña Emilia seems to be an excellent director with a huge heart. Fredy was the coordinator of the project for Sinuapa and I thought he was a professional and dedicated individual, who had a great and passionate group of técnicos. I really can't begin to say how hard he worked and how he addressed every issue and question with every group and community. His loyalty to Proyecto Mirador and its vision speaks to the quality of your organization and its employees.

Many times people are not quick to say thank you or perhaps show enthusiasm, but I know they are thankful and happy with the project. On their behalf and mine as well, I would like to thank you so much. Honduras will always have a place in my heart, especially Sinuapa, and I am very happy to know that there are organizations such as yours working to improve the lives of the people there.

Take care and happy 2012

Sincerely
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