

## **Agua Viva Core Values**

### **1. Reliance on God**

We understand that only the Triune God can precipitate any change of significance and therefore humbly seek Him through prayer. We trust and rely on the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, and the truth of Scripture.

### **2. Relationships**

Relationships are key—Mark 12:29-31, John 13:35

With Jesus Christ—Our relationship with Jesus Christ must be personal and ever growing.

Within Agua Viva—Our relationships within the organization form the foundation on which we build.

Within the North American team—Our relationships within a project team is our public witness to our relationship with God.

With the Honduran Community—Our relationships with individuals within the receiving communities are the conduit for sharing the love of Jesus Christ and the need for a relationship with Him.

### **C. Incarnational Living**

In an effort to facilitate spiritual growth within the North American team-members and to diminish physical barriers between the team and the community, we strive to enter into the lives of those we serve through incarnational living. We believe that entering into the communities' plight as opposed to reaching down from a position of superiority best reflects the character of our Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:3-13).

In addition, we believe that material possessions work to separate and build barriers between the Honduran community and the North American team members. As a result, we adhere to a minimalist packing philosophy. Also, as a means of building dignity in the receiving community, they are given the responsibility of providing food and lodging for the North American team. The team arrives with needs, and much dignity is gained as the Honduran community works together to satisfy those needs.

### **D. Community Ownership/Empowerment**

Agua Viva takes care to foster community pride and unity. While working hand-in-hand with the community, much of the leadership and many of the decisions are made by the community. They own the project. A new level of confidence and hope is developed within the community as they are empowered through their project.

### **E. Individual Dignity**

Although we live in community, God speaks to and through individuals. Agua Viva emphasizes that each individual is created in the image of God Himself and is therefore of immense value. Agua Viva takes the utmost care to operate in a manner that not only preserves, but also enhances individual dignity.