

Leslie reflects on 10 years of JustHope



Partners at work

I remember the first time I visited Chacraseca in 1998 - the summer before Hurricane Mitch hit. It was a very different community than it is today. The only buildings in the central area were the church and a little storage room where our groups rolled out our sleeping bags at night. And after Hurricane Mitch hit Chacraseca in October of '98, things **got even worse** - roads were impassable, schools were unusable, crops were destroyed, and hundreds of the 5,000-6,000 residents of Chacraseca were left to construct small lean-to houses, made of plastic tarps.

We found a similar situation in Santa Emilia and La Flor when we started those partnerships in 2008. None of the communities had potable water or community health clinics, and only Santa Emilia had electricity. Only a few sectors in Chacraseca had schools, and Santa Emilia had no high school. There were no micro-credit programs, no community stores or businesses, no cultural centers or scholarship programs in place.

I look around at our Partner Communities now, and I am amazed at how far they have come...what **amazing** work the local community leaders have done in organizing community action, in connecting with solidarity partners, in stretching limited resources to realize big dreams.

JustHope is proud to have been a part of that work, and we are excited to be celebrating our <u>TENTH</u> birthday!

In Justice & Hope, Leslie

Celebrating a Decade of Justice & Hope



Head over to our social media pages this month as we celebrate our birthday by sharing stories, showcasing projects and programs, **and raising funds to continue to support the work of JustHope.**

> We have an ambitious goal of raising <u>\$1,000!</u> And we invite our Partners to *join the party!*



Celebrate our birthday by donating today!

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Mark your calendars for the JustHope Garage Sale! August 4th - 5th, 8 AM - 4 PM

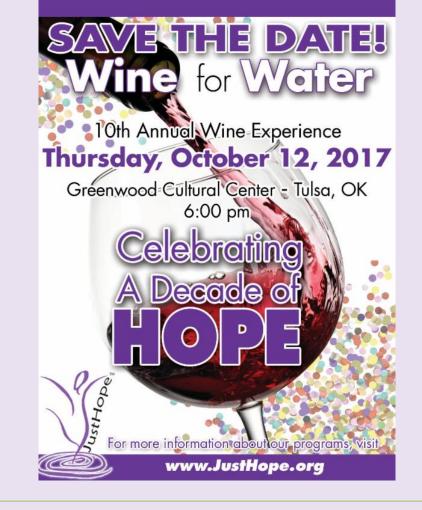
Donations Needed

We will accept donations on the following dates: Tuesday, August 1: Noon - 6 PM Wednesday, August 2: 9 AM - 6 PM Thursday, August 3: 9 AM - 8 PM

Donations can be dropped off at the JustHope Office Fellowship Congregational Church 2900 S. Harvard Avenue, Tulsa

Contact Jennifer with any questions, jennifer@justhope.org.

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