



Welcome to the first issue of *The Companion*, newsletter of Companion Community Development Alternatives (CoCoDA). More than just a newsletter that informs people about our work, we want *The Companion* to become a tool for Companionship in Development.

In the pages of this issue you will see reports on 14 projects that have been helping Salvadoran communities recover from twelve years of war and lay a foundation for alternative models of social and economic development. Through the Companion Community (CoCo) Program, people from communities in the United States have contributed more than \$200,000 to these projects. More important than the dollar amount, however, is the way that support has been generated.

Funds for these projects were raised through a process of companionship, in which 27 delegations of North Americans visited El Salvador and 16 educational/cultural programs featuring Salvadorans toured communities in the United States. Lives were changed by this companionship. Subsequently, money was raised to support the projects, changing more lives.

Respectful human relationships and inter-cultural cooperation are essential for sustainable development in today's world. Our shared experiences with Salvadoran colleagues have taught us this, and that understanding is the foundation of our program today, what the CoCo Program has grown into: Companionship in Development.

None of the achievements reported in this first issue of *The Companion* would have been possible without three essential participants who, with the Board of Directors and staff, form the cornerstones of CoCo Development Alternatives:

The *Investors*, the members of the organization, those faithful individuals who have sustained our ambitious but shoe-string operations over the past four years with unrestricted contributions to the overall mission and growth of CoCoDA;



photo: CoCoDA 6/95

The *CoCo Groups*, those whose business has been companionship, that of changing lives by rallying their local communities to get directly involved in cultural exchanges and development initiatives with Salvadorans;

And our *Associates in Development*, the Salvadoran community-based organizations who have been changing the destructive course of history in El Salvador by getting the local population *organized* and rallying people from across the world around a vision of just, viable and sustainable human development.

May *The Companion* bring together the perspectives and ideas of these diverse participants, project our shared challenges and goals, and chronicle the achievements of our Companionship in Development.

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# Project Reports

Following are reports on projects supported by U.S. communities through the CoCo Program from 1992 through 1995. The projects are grouped according to region of implementation. In each of these regions, CoCoDA works with a Salvadoran associate organization that promotes integrated social and economic development. Not mentioned is support sent for initiatives such as electoral education, the Land Transfer Program and other projects not directly a part of these integrated development models. Mentioned in some projects is ADA-CoCo, CoCoDA's sister organization in El Salvador which now operates independently.

## Associate in Development: ADES

(Asociación de Desarrollo Económico y Social, Santa Marta)



## ADES Education Program

**Objective:** To support Popular Teachers (men and women of the communities without formal training who took responsibility for basic education in the refugee camps and conflictive zones) and the programs for integral education of ADES in northern Cabañas, and to help them secure long-term viability for their programs. Thirty-nine Popular Teachers, 800-1,500 basic education students in four schools, and 400-950 adult literacy students have benefitted from this project.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$20,960

### Companions in Development

Anonymous Companion	42.5%
Friends in Ft. Wayne IN	22.7%
New Paltz CoCo Project NY	13.9%
River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda MD	4.2%
Temple Emanu-El, Oak Park MI	4.2%
Sally W. Yudelman, Washington DC	4.2%
Others	8.3%

**Period of Implementation:** April 1993 -

**Implementation:** ADES Education Committee

**Current Status:** ADES continues to prioritize their work with Popular Teachers, with the goal of them gaining recognition by the government as certified teachers. In 1995, ADES began offering high school classes for Popular Teachers, and, through a national association of Popular Teachers (CEES), some were able to register in a study grant program funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID). A Spanish foundation, *Educación sin Fronteras*, has begun to support ADES' Education Program, enabling them to purchase a vehicle and expand their work in adult literacy.

# Santa Marta Health Clinic Construction Project

**Objective:** To support the construction of a health center facility in Santa Marta, Cabañas, to house a regional, community-based health program accessible to 10,000-21,000 people in northern Cabañas, western Chalatenango, and the border region of Honduras. An estimated 150 disabled war victims are among this population.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$21,000

### Companions in Development

Takoma Park - Santa Marta Companion Cities MD	80.5%
Dumbarton United Methodist Church, DC	19.5%

**Period of Implementation:** July 1992 - January 1995

**Implementation:** ADES

**Other Cooperants:** Presbyterian Church, Jesuit Service

**Current Status:** The structure is completed and the ADES Health Committee began operations there in 1995. It still needs some inside and outside finishing, medical equipment and financing for long-term operations.

## Valle Nuevo Land Purchase Project

**Objective:** To help 107 families in the repatriated community of Valle Nuevo, Cabañas secure legal ownership of 265 acres of land as a resource for long-term social and economic development.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$34,000 (Phase I)  
\$23,900 (Phase II)

### Companions in Development

<b>Phase I</b>	
South North Partners, Reba Place Church IL	100%
<b>Phase II</b>	
Presbyterian Hunger Program	26.7%
St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale MI	15.2%
Merle & Jean Crouse and Friends	12.7%
Presbytery of the James VA	11.4%
Dumbarton United Methodist Church DC	9.5%
Valle Nuevo / Plow Creek Church IL	6.9%
David & Anne Fouts family & Friends	6.2%
Others	11.4%

**Period of Implementation:** June 1992 -

**Implementation:** General Assembly of Valle Nuevo

**Current Status:** There is still \$6,000 outstanding on the mortgage; legal title for the land is still in process; a housing project is being negotiated by the community which is possible because they are becoming legal owners of the land; and they have been cultivating corn and beans, and grazing cattle on most of the land.

## Are You Organized?

CoCo Forum

by Jenny Browne

Jenny Browne is a Mennonite Service volunteer at Patchwork Central in Evansville, Indiana -- an active CoCo Group since 1994. Jenny travelled on a CoCoDA delegation to El Salvador in July 1995. This article first appeared in the Fall '95 issue of the Patchwork Central newsletter.

I've been meaning to get organized. That usually means renaming the piles on my desk and making more lists that I never use.

But today I'm thinking about a different kind of organized. Here in El Salvador, organized is used as a noun. "Estas organizado?," Salvadorans ask. Are you organized? Becoming organized is like the transformation born again Christians attribute to the day they were saved. Are you saved? The permanence is evident.

Being organized in El Salvador, however, does not mean one is securing their parking place in heaven or even putting the future securely in God's hand. In contrast, it is a willingness to die for a dignified life here and now. Granted, this is a different sort of security, the kind that results from knowing your life has purpose.

In Salvadoran reality, being one of the organized is justification to be killed. 80,000 Salvadorans were.

In this dust filled room, I am careful not to lean on any of the crumbling walls. Three women sit at the front of the room. I'm here to learn about the women's organizations they are forming. *Somos hermanas, we are sisters*, I think, comforted in this land of machismo. Surely, I'll be able to relate here. "So tell us your stories, how you got here. What did you do during the war?" I ask.

Anna wears a western cut tank top made out of bright blue woven fabric and tight blue jeans. Her tiny feet are squeezed into black flats. She smiles and her gold front tooth reflects the early afternoon sunlight snaking in through the wooden shutters. I smooth my hands over my long shapeless flowered skirt, glance down at my clunky brown sandals and smile back with my full set of white teeth.

"I became organized in 1977," she speaks in a clear steady voice. "I worked with the people who had been displaced by the military during the war. The campo was full of refugee camps but they didn't call them that yet. The army would come through the villages and if you didn't give them what they wanted, even if you didn't have it, they would say you supported the guerrillas and kill you. We began to hear stories of entire villages being massacred so we hid. The army finally caught up with me. I was given the honor of being one of the first prisoners at the new jail in Suchitoto. But, because I work with the people, I had many friends in the prison. They helped me escape back to the mountains where I lived for the next six years. Yes, I was involved in combat, but mostly I walked

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Photo: courtesy Dumbarton UMC 12/95



¡Dale Salvadoreños! Usulutecos Gilberto Díaz, Nicolas Echeberría and Fernando Flores of Grupo Soda brought music and testimony to 16 U.S. communities on the fall '95 CoCoDA tour: *The Struggle Continues: Culture, Community and the Human Spirit in El Salvador*



Northern Usulután

Associate in Development: DIMECONU

(Directivas para el Mejoramiento Comunal en el Norte de Usulután)

### Usulután Potable Water Project

**Objective:** To finance technical studies and to help secure major financing for two permanent potable water systems in rural communities of Northern Usulután: System I to benefit 376 families in the communities of La Barca, San Benito, Los Horcones, San Simon; System II to benefit 15 families in the community of Corozal.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$5,495

#### Companions in Development

Patchwork Central, Evansville IN	70.8%
St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, Rochester Hills MI	18.9%
Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin OH	10.3%

**Period of Implementation:** July 1995 - ?

**Implementation:** Board of Community Representatives

**Current Status:** The system II technical study is completed. The system I study is also completed but has not yet been made available to the community Board. Major funding still needs to be secured for actual installation of both of the water systems. In the meantime, many community residents continue to drink from the highly contaminated Lempa River.

NOTE: The Topeka Alliance on Central America has supported diverse projects in the community of Talpetates, Usulután since 1992, including education, health, culture, and medical attention for war wounded.



Cuscatlán

**Associate in Development: CRC**  
 Comité de Reconstrucción y Desarrollo Económico-Social  
 de Comunidades de Suchitoto, Cuscatlán

### *La Mariposa Cultural Center Construction Project - Phase I*

**Objective:** To support the construction of a performance platform as Phase I of the Mariposa Cultural Center in the Guazapa Valley, with long-term social and economic benefits for more than 7,000 residents of rural communities in Suchitoto, Cuscatlán.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$18,250

#### **Companions in Development**

CoCoDA Development Fund	58.9%
DePauw University WTM	32.9%
CRC Cultural Education Fund	8.2%

**Period of Implementation:** January 1994 - July 1995  
**Implementation:** ADA-CoCo

**Current Status:** Phase I construction is completed, and the facility is being used for cultural events and classes, with particular outreach to youth. Further construction on the Mariposa is on hold until additional funding is secured.

### *Cuscatlán Water - Land Purchase Project*

**Objective:** To help the communities purchase land holding a plentiful source of water, to enable the installation of a potable water system on the eastern slope of the Guazapa Volcano, to benefit 200 families in the rural communities of San Antonio del Monte, Masatapeque, Valle Verde and Corozal; and to help fund the installation of water at the Mariposa Cultural Center.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$4,500

#### **Companions in Development**

Amigos, Hanover College IN	42.9%
Kent Coalition for Sanctuary OH	14.8%
Toledo Area Committee on Central America	13.2%
Greencastle CoCo Group IN	10.9%
Friends in the Spirit, Marshalltown IA	6.3%
First United Methodist Church, Harlan IA	5.0%
Others	6.9%

**Period of Implementation:** June 1994 - December 1995  
**Implementation:** Community representatives  
**Current Status:** Completed.  
**Other Cooperants:** UNICEF



Photo by: Lois Klefman 4/94

Dina, a Popular Teacher, with her class in the school of La Mora Cuscatlán. The school is staffed by seven Popular Teachers. The CoCo Program has backed them with stipend grants and support for their efforts to become certified by the Ministry of Education.

### *CRC Education Program*

**Objective:** To support the regional efforts of the CRC to build and guarantee long-term education programs in the rural communities of Suchitoto, Cuscatlán. Support in 1993 went to benefit 2 teachers and 40 students in the school of El Sitio Cenícero; in 1994-95, support went to schools in El Sitio, La Mora, Las Delicias (Consolación) and 6 other communities under the CRC Education Program, involving a total of 20 Popular Teachers.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$9,600

#### **Companions in Development**

First Congregational Church, Walpole NH	36.8%
Bloomington CoCo Group IN	25.4%
Greencastle CoCo Group IN	21.0%
TACCA, Toledo OH	7.0%
Others	9.8%

**Period of Implementation:** January 1993 -  
**Implementation:** CRC

**Current Status:** The CRC has aggressively pursued negotiations with the Salvadoran Ministry of Education to guarantee as many grade levels as possible in the 9 schools, while also seeking to keep as many Popular Teachers in the program as possible. In 1996, there will be 20 Popular Teachers, 9 EDUCO teachers (2 of these were Popular Teachers in El Sitio prior to acceptance into the EDUCO program), and 1 official government teacher. The CRC plans to increase their efforts in adult literacy, improve the facilities in the community schools and try to guarantee the long-term employment of the current teachers.

## San Rafael School Construction Project

**Objective:** To help the community of San Rafael, Cuscatlán build a school with playground equipment, and help the CRC guarantee a long-term education program there, to benefit the 64 families of San Rafael.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$29,405.03

### Companions in Development

Bloomington CoCo Group IN	74.8%
Berea College Winter Trip KY	17.3%
Other	7.9%

**Period of Implementation:** August 1992 - May 1995

**Implementation:** ADA-CoCo / CRC

**Current Status:** A well-ventilated school building has been built with playground equipment and a spacious play area. The school was inaugurated in May 1995 with participation of the entire community and representatives of the Bloomington CoCo Group, the Salvadoran Ministry of Education, the CRC, ADA-CoCo, CoCoDA, and the two EDUCO teachers who teach in the school. The building is also used for special community events and workshops for regional CRC programs, such as ecology and mental health.

## Las Delicias (Consolación) School Construction Project

**Objective:** To finance and assist in the reconstruction of a bombed-out school building, and help to guarantee a long-term education program to benefit 34 families in the community of Las Delicias (Consolación), Cuscatlán.

**CoCo Support:** \$13,495.81

### Companions in Development

DePauw University WTM IN	37.0%
CoCoDA Investors	18.1%
Greencastle CoCo Group IN	9.0%
Carmel UMC Carmel IN	7.4%
Meridian St. UMC Indpls. IN	7.4%
Sigma Chi, DPU IN	6.4%
Gobin UMC, Greencastle IN	5.9%
Other	8.8%

**Period of Implementation:** January - November 1993

**Implementation:** ADA-CoCo / CRC

**Current Status:** Reconstruction of the 3-room school was completed, and two full school years of classes have been taught there. In 1996, kindergarten through third grade will be taught. The CRC, as part of their regional Education Program, seeks to acquire 20 new desks and chairs for the school in 1996.

## El Sitio Land Project

**Objectives:** To provide financial support for the community of El Sitio Cenícero, Cuscatlán to acquire legal ownership of land as a resource for long-term, integral development to directly benefit the 82 families living in the community.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$18,750

### Companions in Development

Toledo Area Committee on C.A. (TACCA)	100%
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**Period of Implementation:** January 1992 - February 1996

**Implementation:** Community Board, El Sitio Cenícero

**Current Status:** The three-year goal of support for the project has been met. The first two grants ('93-'94) were used for an agricultural credit fund and in efforts to legalize a farm truck sent to the community in a caravan (the documents were lost in government bureaucracies and is therefore still not legalized).

The community plans to use the final grant ('95) to match contributions from the community residents themselves, to purchase 49 acres in the center of the community, where the school, day care center and clinic are located. All of these strategies are calculated within the Land Transfer Program, designed in the Peace Accords to enable population in ex-conflictive areas to purchase land. The CRC has been the primary coordinator of this program for communities in Suchitoto.

## Eco-Guazapa Project

**Objective:** To involve U.S. delegations and Salvadoran students in planting trees and other activities in support of Eco-Guazapa's on-going efforts for ecological recuperation, conservation and education, for the long-term benefit of over 7,000 people and other living things in the eco-systems of the Guazapa Volcano, Cuscatlán.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$3,734

### Companions in Development

June 1994 reforestation Brigade	39.5%
Bloomington CoCo Group IN	37.7%
Morgantown CoCo Group WV	10.5%
Church of the Brethren work camp	9.6%
Other	2.7%

**Period of Implementation:** June 1994 -

**Implementation:** ADA-CoCo / CRC

**Current Status:** Eco-Guazapa continues to be a priority program of the CRC, focussing on education in the community schools, and teaching farmers ecological methods of agricultural production. In 1996, they have the goal of planting 40,000 trees through a US government-backed program called FIAES, in coordination with CENCAPP, a Salvadoran non-governmental organization specialized in community education.

## Book Project

**Objective:** To ship quality Spanish books for reading libraries at 8 community schools in northern Cabañas and Suchitoto, Cuscatlán, while promoting cultural and educational exchanges among students in El Salvador and the United States.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$2,272

### Companions in Development

Academy School, Brattleboro VT	32.3%
Campaign for Human Development, Indpls	22.0%
Schools/Greencastle CoCo Group IN	21.7%
Bloomington Dev. Learning Center IN	11.7%
Hanover United Methodist Jr. High IN	5.7%
Nighthawk Team, Frankfort Middle School IN	5.3%
Other	1.3%

**Period of Implementation:** February 1994 - April 1995

**Implementation:** ADA-CoCo / CRC / ADES

**Current Status:** Indefinitely on hold. The Book Project combined with a pilot year program of US-ES classroom exchanges called *Compas de SOL*, and also with the 1995 Pastors for Peace Caravan to Central America. Due to the lack of administrative financing, the *Compas de SOL* project is currently on hold; and due to legal complications which the Caravan has had in Salvadoran customs, most of the books shipped (over 800) have not yet been delivered.

## New Life Well Project

**Objectives:** To equip and train a team of Salvadorans in technical skills for drilling wells and to enable communities in El Salvador to have access to clean, potable water.

**CoCo Program Support:** \$15,255.38

### Companions in Development

Presbyterian Hunger Program	36.4%
Patchwork Central, Evansville IN	18.2%
Amigos, Hanover College IN	9.4%
Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin OH	7.0%
St. Irenaeus Catholic Church MI	6.3%
Kent Coalition for Sanctuary OH	6.2%
Others	16.5%

**Period of Implementation:** August 1993 - June 1995

**Implementation:** ADA-CoCo

**Current Status:** Completed: With the support of the U.S. organization *Lifewater International*, eight Salvadorans were trained and equipped with a diesel-powered drilling rig. After numerous attempts in various communities proved unsuccessful in drilling through rocky soil, a successful well was drilled, capped and inaugurated in the community of Las Burras, Usulután, which is home to 40 families. The drilling business has been left under the management of ADA-CoCo.

## Caravan Projects

**Objectives:** To ship useful material aid to El Salvador to support diverse community-based development initiatives, and to provide a dependable 8-ton Diesel truck to the communities of Valle Nuevo, Cabañas (1993) and Masatepeque, Cuscatlán (1995) to support development efforts of rural communities in each of the respective regions.

**CoCo Program Support:** '93- \$9,780; est. \$15,000 supplies  
'95-\$9,878; est. \$20,000 supplies

### Companions in Development

#### 1993

St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale MI	38.5%
Kent Coalition for Sanctuary OH	20.9%
CoCoDA Investors	12.1%
Morgantown CoCo Group WV	11.0%
Others	17.5%
Roberto's Auto Repair, Lexington KY	Technical

#### 1995

CoCoDA Investors	28.2%
TACCA, Toledo OH	18.5%
Harping for Harmony, Morgantown WV	10.1%
Kent Coalition for Sanctuary OH	9.4%
Morgantown CoCo Group WV	8.6%
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Richmond KY	8.6%
Black Mountain Pairing Project NC	8.6%
Others	8.0%
Roberto's Auto Repair, Lexington KY	Technical

**Periods of Implementation:** Jan - Apr 1993 / Jan 1995 - ?

**Administration in El Salvador:** ADA-CoCo

**Implementation:** CoCoDA / Pastors for Peace

**Current Status:** All the aid in caravan #1 was delivered with little problem, and the truck makes daily 20-km trips up the mountain road to market, loaded with people, supplies and often livestock. The truck from caravan #2 has been in use by the communities in Cuscatlán since the Masatepeque cooperative agreed to pay nearly \$2,000 in customs tax. The supplies that were in the truck are still in customs, although a letter from the government has been received by the CRC, which they expect will enable them to finally get the supplies out for distribution.

Susan Stessin-Cohn of the New Paltz, NY CoCo Project poses with two of her sons, Adam and Evan. Behind them is the CoCo truck they helped purchase and fill with supplies for communities in El Salvador. Artists of the Morgantown, WV CoCo Group did the paint job. (3/93)



from settlement to settlement as an organizer. My husband was a combatant and now I am a widow. I have six children." *I can imagine how difficult that was, I think. Can't I?*

Larger and pear shaped, Rosa has a sporty short haircut. Like many Salvadoran women, she stands with her legs apart, hand on hips, planted, grounded, solid. "I became organized in 1980,"

***In Salvadoran reality, being one of the organized is justification to be killed. 80,000 Salvadorans were.***

Rosa says without emotion, "when my two sisters became disappeared." Disappeared is also a noun here.

"I am trained to make maps. Before I joined the struggle, I worked for the government. They paid for my schooling. To make the maps, I walked the land, I know the mountain. That became my contribution. That is my part. I gave the rebel forces maps of the zone. I am also trained as a lawyer. After the peace accords in 1992, I became the sole legal council for the FMLN guerrillas during the land transfer process. That is what I am doing now. I have no kids. There is much work to be done." *I know that must be challenging, I think. Don't I?*

"Your fingernails are beautiful," I say just to have something to say. "My friend does them," Rosa responds, "when I was captured by the army, they tortured me by pulling my real ones

out. Now they grow back ugly so I get fake ones put on."

"Oh," I mumble, folding my hands in my lap. The third woman, Carmen, speaks hesitantly, like one used to speaking only when spoken to. She is older than the other two, more country you might say. She grips a tattered plastic purse in her lap.

"I didn't become organized until 1985 when my first son disappeared. Mostly my work was cooking and doing laundry for the soldiers. But I also began to talk with other women, like me. I organize women now, in the rural areas, help them to understand the issues. I have been doing this for ten years, getting women involved in their communities. I was abandoned by my husband and I have eleven children. But look at me still working," she finishes proudly.

I look at you. I see you look at me with deep brown mirrors of a battered soul, pools of cautious hope. My blue eyes want so much to understand, to be compassionate, to suffer with. Or do I?

I will never know the desperation it takes to be organized like Anna, Rosa and Carmen. The closest I have come is this occasional reopening of these scars of solidarity that never quite heal but become comfortably numb in my own zone of complacency. I know I cannot carry the pain of the world in these pale freckled arms. But, as long as I still am cut, may I continue to bleed.

*Participants in our program of Companionship in Development are invited to submit items for the CoCoForum (perspectives expressed in the CoCo Forum do not necessarily represent those of CoCoDA or its members).*

**Companionship in Development -- ¡Adelante!  
1996**

Calendar of Activities

March 1-3	CoCo Encuentro in Toledo, OH — Host CoCo Group: TACCA
March 15-25	Delegation to Cabañas — Lead CoCo Group: South North Partners, Evanston IL
May 6-14	Delegation to Cuscatlán — Lead CoCo Group: St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington IN
June 25-29	Youth Delegation to Cabañas — River Road Unitarian Church, Bethesda MD
July 15-26	Delegation to Usulután — Lead CoCo Group: Patchwork Central, Evansville IN
TBA	Businesses for Sustainable Development Delegation
Fall	CRC / Cuscatlán US Tour

Development Fund Support Goals for 1996

ADES/N. Cabañas: \$17,000  
Health Program  
Development Promoter Project  
Valle Nuevo Land Purchase  
(final phase)

CRC/Cuscatlán: \$20,000  
Radio Suchitlán  
Education Program  
Eco-Guazapa

DIMECONU/Usulután: \$15,000  
Organization of Cooperatives  
Potable Water Systems  
Cultural Education - *Grupo Soda*

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Become a member of CoCoDA by making a tax-deductible 1996 **Investor** contribution -- and support the mission and vision of Companionship in Development.

Get together with others in your community and become a registered **CoCo Group** -- and cooperate with other communities in the U.S. and El Salvador as Companions in Development.

For more information, contact the CoCoDA office: Tel: 317/920-8643 or E-Mail: cocodaindy@igc.apc.org

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