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Dear Friends,

I was just rereading the 2016 introductory article in the Newsletter regarding the 20 year progress of our work in Honduras. It brought tears to my eyes as I thought of all the work and successes I've been privileged to share with all those hard-working Hondurans. I have no doubt that FECOVESO with its dedicated Board of Directors will continue its efforts to serve the small mountain communities of northwest Honduras far into the future. It will continue to own at least the 350 acres of watershed lands that it already owns, protecting the water sources for 15 water systems serving 19 communities.



In addition, FECOVESO owns a property located between the coastal highway and the beach, which includes a substantial building providing office and meeting space, plus a little residential building (where I stay when I am there), and an additional protected outdoor meeting space. It also provides beach access for local people.

What is less certain for the long run is the continuation of the \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year HCSC now raises from you, our generous supporters. (Fundraising opportunities in Honduras are extremely limited.) HCSC will continue to make the appeal annually to our U.S. supporters, but I'm afraid it will be harder to follow through with that kind of appeal when I am no longer able to be as closely involved in the work in Honduras as I am now – or, eventually, when I am not able to be involved at all. Without these donations, the ability to reach out to the communities, improving their resources and helping to empower them through participation in the work of FECOVESO will be lost.

Because of these uncertainties we're trying to establish an endowment to assure continued support for FECOVESO. HCSC has a tentative commitment of \$100,000 to begin an endowment fund and we are excited by the possibility. We'd love to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions on how we can secure the future of FECOVESO.

Thank you for your support as always. I look forward to hearing from you!
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Warmly,

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