



Kaleb's lifelong love for our world and its people sprouted and grew in the beautiful foothills of his native Appalachia. These roots deepened throughout his time in college as he volunteered at a youth detention center, traveled to Haiti, and worked as an EMT. His world changed forever when he met his wife, Stacey, who was concurrently committed to loving in an empowering and sacrificial way. Together they strengthened their resolve to serve among those that

find themselves disempowered, abandoned, and forgotten. Kaleb believes deeply in the power of restoration, our call to sacrificial love, the need to engage our minds as well as our hearts in development work, and the tremendous capacity of the Honduran people.

Stacey shares the position of "Developer of Transformational Initiatives" with her husband, Kaleb. Stacey was a Spanish teacher in Ohio before moving to the rural Honduran village of Las Lomitas in 2011, in order to work with HTH in Community Development. In their time there, Kaleb and Stacey learned to live like the locals as well as how to share a job as a couple, all while bringing two little girls into the mix: Alida Fe in 2014 and Eliana Paz in 2017.



Stacey is very pleased with all the positive and healthy changes in HTH over the years and feels privileged to serve alongside competent Honduran colleagues. She is passionate about fighting for truth, justice and long term holistic development within the Honduran context.



Mission Focus for January: Heart to Honduras Kaleb & Stacy Eldridge

Our shared passion for people and our faith led us to marriage in June of 2009. In 2010, Heart to Honduras offered us the opportunity to step into a full-time International Community Development role. In 2011 we left our full-time teaching and tech-writing jobs in order to move to Honduras and have been here ever since. Why? Our faith leads us to the understanding that we cannot just view people as only souls (to be saved) or only bodies (to be fixed or provided for), but as whole people.

We are all in poverty - mentally, physically, environmentally, emotionally, financially, spiritually – not one of us escapes the grasp of oppression and suffering. We believe that only through hope in Christ can we ever fully escape this vicious cycle.

As holistic beings, our response to poverty must also be holistic. We can no longer just engage the world in only church, only poverty alleviation efforts, only counseling, only microbusiness, only medical work, or only environmental advocacy, but work to bring all these elements into one holistic model that ministers to unique needs in each individual or community. This understanding leads us to live intentional lives that focus around relationship with God, ourselves, our environment, and others.



The Eldridge Family
Alida (5 yr), Stacy & Kaleb, Eliana (2 yr)



The Eldridges built their block house using local resources. Their garden and animals provide food for the family. With Kaleb's guidance, the villagers worked to get running water to their community. Several successful small businesses have been launched and are growing (coffee, wood items made from the coffee plant, hammocks, cabbage farming to name a few).



Kaleb starts each day with milking the family goats and tending to their small homestead. He and Stacy work to support the local church and community council, facilitate HTH's community development efforts, and develop new ways to transform holistic, grassroots development in the community.



The Heart to Honduras mission is to:



Pursue collaboration. We believe in the potential of people working together to change the world. We work at cultivating relationships and collaborative partnerships that will join us in developing healthy, thriving Honduran communities.

We work and serve holistically. We strive to improve the health and vitality of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. Through specific transformative initiatives such as clean water, access to healthcare, dignified housing, sufficient infrastructure, micro-business opportunities, quality education, vibrant churches, visionary leadership, healthy family and community relationships our goal is to establish thriving communities.

We understand poverty differently. We understand poverty to be fundamentally about broken relationships, not a relative lack of material resources. We seek to transform relationships in four key areas: with God, with self, with others, and with the Creation. We desire that both Honduran and Stateside partners overcome the poverty inherent in their lives.

We create capacity in others. We instill confidence in the Honduran people so they are equipped to address the challenges they face. We empower them to be the heroes of their own story rather than perpetuate an unhealthy dependency on others to rescue them.

We love with abandon and inclusion. Believing Jesus Christ to be the embodiment of God's transforming love we approach every person, every community, every challenge, every struggle as he would, with an unconditioned love. We welcome everyone as children of God, each with our unique gifts and differences

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Heart to Honduras collaborates with churches, small businesses, other non-profits, a collegiate fraternal organization, and colleges and universities. We are a Christ-centered ministry, working non-denominationally. We seek partners who share our core values and commitments to work toward healthy, holistic, sustainable transformation.

Many partners enter into a focused relationship with one particular Honduran community. The primary interface is the local church. Honduran pastors and their leaders work closely with village leadership councils in order to dream and plan together for the healthy development of the whole community. Partners pursue the opportunity to build meaningful, enduring relationships with the Honduran people, and to walk in solidarity, as they become the heroes of their own stories.