

Chicken Coop Project

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Project Summary: To assist the local families in the construction of 6 mobile poultry egg production units. Student interns will guide families in the construction, care, and storage of eggs and the marketing of surplus. The goal of this project is to replace make shift chicken coops with small scale organized production units.

Background: The Nivacle have a strong interest in the production of eggs. Primarily for their own consumption, but also for the potential marketing of excess production. The Nivacle are nutritionally deprived primarily due to low consumable food production options. They recognize that egg production would be a means of helping meet their nutritional demands. Secondly, the Nivacle recognize the production of eggs could help interject income into their village.

In August, 2009, Larry Shaw, professor at BYU and BYU students went to Paraguay and assisted in building the first 20 chicken coops. They taught how to build the coops. Our goal is to provide a chicken coop for each family, a total of 40 in Abundancia.



New chicken coops in Abundancia



Previous Chicken Enclosures

Proposal: The Nivacle Foundation will assist the village in building 20 more chicken coops, purchasing the initial chickens and feed, ultimately providing each family with a coop.

1. **Material:** Local Mennonite retailer Elmer Funk has adequate framing and construction material available at fair market price for the poultry house structure. In addition, in Loma Plata there is an agricultural facility that can provide young laying birds as well as feed for production.
2. **Construction:** Chicken coops could be built on site. The men in the village have already built 20 coops under the direction of the BYU students. They also have the tools now to

build more.

3. Tools and equipment have already been purchased and delivered in the first phase: Basic tools and equipment would include a saw, hammer, wire cutters, level, square, tape measure.
4. Money for materials will be sent to Elmer Funk who will deliver all the necessary materials directly to the village. Mariano Flores will purchase the chickens and feed.
5. Marketing: This is a critical step to be realized for the needs of the community to be met. There is a proposal for the construction of the store which serve as a marketing center for not only local villagers, but also for surrounding communities. This infusion of money would help fulfill the immediate needs of food options, but also establish principles of economics for future growth.

Costs:

Materials for one coop costs about \$150.00. We also provide another \$50.00 for the purchase of the initial chickens and feed for each coop. The total cost per family is \$200.00.

Total Project Contribution \$4000.00

How Can I Help? Individuals, families or others can contribute all or a portion of the costs of this critical project, which is so important to the nutrition of the village..

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