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Today we were in Algateca, an isolated village about 2 hours from nowhere. We built two more Justa stoves, did crafts with the children and operated a clinic. It was an exhausting day because of the heat on the tin roof and only two windows. It was so hot we had people with cardboard fanning the patients. At the end of the day the doctors saw almost 200 patients.

We are really getting good at improvising to build stoves. Two were built today including the bases. That is a lot of work. We feel we are making a lasting difference by reducing the amount of fuel needed which decreases deforestation and keeping harmful smoke out of people's lungs.

Algateca has so many children and all of them were there. Even though we were running short of supplies. It was remarkable how well they entertained the children on such a hot day. The children played soccer, worked with crafts and jumped in the "Bumby Room."

It began raining as we left. As we attempted to cross through the river, the first two trucks had water lapping through the windows. Also the current seemed dangerous. So, with two trucks on one side of the river and the rest on the other, we waited until the rain stopped and the water went down.

We ordered pizza when we got to the hotel and ate it on top of the Hotel. The pizza was good but not very Honduran. Afterward we had communion on the roof with grape juice and tortillas. It was very moving and sacred.



