

# Women Building Houses for Peace in Candelaria de la Frontera



**PROJECT UPDATE**  
November 2017 to March 2018



# first home completed



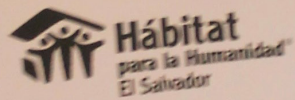
## Meet the Linares Zeledón Family

When asked what his favorite part of his new home was, 6-year old David said “the roof, the walls, the floor, everything.” Before the house was built, he had drawn a picture of what his dream house would be, and now it has come true! During the construction process, he liked being part of the action, alongside the volunteers from Thrivent: pushing the wheelbarrow and even placing on a block. Now that the house is built, he is a good helper in taking care of it. He takes on the task of mopping after his mom sweeps but just complains that she likes to clean too often!! Since the twin babies: Stanley and Justin are starting to crawl and spend a lot of time on the floor, it is important to keep it spotless!

Seeing her children happy and now living in a clean and comfortable environment brings Griselda much joy and relief. Previously, she and her husband Walter had been living with their children in an adobe home on land that Walter had inherited from his parents in the Aldea Bolaños of Candelaria de la Frontera. Water, dust, and garbage would often enter in from the roof, compromising the health of their children. For years they had hoped to repair their home because of its deterioration, but they did not have the economic possibilities to do so, living off of Walter’s limited income as a textile factory worker. Then, in a rainstorm in 2017, one of the walls was severely damaged, making mere repair no longer an option and forcing them to move in with a nearby relative. In desperate need of a new home, they approached Habitat El Salvador and were able to participate in the project Women Building Houses for Peace in Candelaria de la Frontera.

After years of wanting to provide a decent home for their children, they feel that God has prepared them to make this investment in their family’s wellbeing. They now live differently: with greater protection and without the worry of having to face the same problems as before. They are grateful to everyone who helped make this possible!





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**deserves the opportunity  
to build his dream house**



David Linares Zeledón with a picture he drew of his home.



# home improvements



Ana Gloria and her mother, in front of their home

## 5 families selected for home improvements

Homeowner	Work	Family Members	Home Improvement
Ana Gloria Molina	Making tortillas; raising pigs and hens	Mother and daughter	Roof, plastering of walls, door replacement
María del Carmen Alemán Nuñez	Domestic worker and cook at a pupusa and taco shop	Two sons	Additional room, outdoor corridor, and pila (washing basin)
Digna Marilú Najera de Linares	Employee at a pupusa and taco shop	Son and daughter	Floor, windows, and outdoor corridor
Karla Yohana Landaverde Coto	Employee at the Las Cristalinas Cooperative; her mother is a mobile fruit vendor	Mother and sister	Floor, windows, doors and roof to finish the construction of her home
Yesenia Beatriz Juarez	Selling fish and chicken in the Municipal Market of Candelaria de la Frontera	Son and daughter	Floor and outdoor corridor



# volunteers



Team of volunteers from Thrivent working on the Linares Zeledón home

**1** international volunteer team

**8** international volunteers

Date	Team	Leader	Family
Nov. 2017	Thrivent	Kayla Kasten/Roger Kimmel	Linares Zeledón

# project income

International Partners	Municipal Government of Candelaria de la Frontera	Total
\$81,924.50	\$5,000.00	\$86,924.50*

\*Income received through February 2018



# Thank You

**to all of our partners for coming together  
in a commitment to making lasting change  
in the lives of these families in  
Candelaria de la Frontera.**

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