

BUENA VISTA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 08

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In the steep hillsides of Pamplona Alta, a simple concrete staircase can change lives. Families living in the area have no access to running water and instead are forced to haul buckets back and forth to their houses from large plastic containers filled daily by passing trucks.

This task is not only time consuming but incredibly dangerous as the damp winter climate transforms the roads and pathways into slippery, eroding descents.

Adults and children alike are slowed down by the downward climb on their way to school and work, and fall-related injuries are common and costly.

By building stairs, MEDLIFE is able to make the cumbersome daily journey easier, safer, and faster.

In December of 2011, MEDLIFE traveled to the small community of Buena Vista to build such a staircase. Alongside community members, student participants of Mobile Clinic helped pour cement and put the finishing touches on the project.

After seven days, the project was inaugurated with a ceremony, champagne bottle breaking and speeches made from both the community and the students themselves. Working side-by-side with the people who are directly affected by their hard labor, students travelling from the other side of the globe can get a sense of how valued their time and efforts actually are.

