



2010 Annual Report

Our Mission and Goals

We work with rural Nicaraguan communities to improve their living standards through sustainable development in clean water, sanitation, reforestation, and health education.

Our goals are to partner with local communities to

- build, maintain, and repair their own drinking water and sanitation facilities
- implement good hygiene practices to reduce disease and illness
- manage their watersheds in a sustainable manner.



Clean Water for Rural Nicaragua

Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Western hemisphere: 33% of rural Nicaraguans lack safe drinking water, 63% lack improved sanitation, and 49% of Nicaragua's forest cover has disappeared in the last 50 years.

We serve the rural poor of Nicaragua in six regions—Camoapa, Ciudad Darío, El Sauce, San Lorenzo, Terrabona, and Wiwilí—by supporting their efforts to live with a sustainable supply of clean water. Our program is focused on water: improved sanitation keeps water clean, reforestation ensures aquifer recharge, and health education teaches good use and maintenance of the projects.

Clean water and improved sanitation mean better health and, therefore, less money spent on medicine which frees up money for education, food, housing, starting a business, and more. Our programs help Nicaraguans help themselves improve their living standards while conserving precious environmental resources.

2010 in Review

The communities we partner with play an active role in all of our projects. Community members provide labor and available resources as well as transport materials. We provide technical assistance, tools, and materials for the construction of wells, latrines, community wash stations, school hand-washing stations, fuel-efficient cookstoves, and tree nurseries. Community members are responsible for ongoing maintenance and repair of the completed projects.

Thanks to the commitment and support of our donors, the future is brighter for 10,065 villagers.

In 2010, partnering with you and the villagers, we planted 74,577 trees and built

- 523 latrines
- 16 wells
- 6 community wash stations
- 108 fuel-efficient stoves
- 3 gravity flow water systems
- 5 school hand-washing stations



How We Work

Our methodology is based on three key principles that are essential to our success: (1) community empowerment through active participation and ownership in all aspects of projects, (2) creation of sustainable community organizations to manage resources for the long term, and (3) a focus on appropriate technology using low-cost locally available materials that the community can maintain.

Photos for the annual report were contributed by Forest Woodward, Jon Polka, Canyon Woodward, and El Porvenir staff.

El Porvenir Staff

We have 22 staff in Nicaragua and 3 in the United States; 21 are Nicaraguan.

MANAGUA

Rob Bell, *Executive Director*

Octavio Cortés, *Assistant Director*

Cesar del Castillo, *Director of Field Operations*

Marlon Alvizua, *Water Systems Engineer*

Lorna Guadamuz, *Accountant*

Gabriel Saavedra, *Assistant Accountant/Logistics*

Wilbert Acevedo, *Driver/Logistics*

USA

Jenna Saldaña, *Development Director*

Alexis Gleason, *Development Associate*

Jo Buescher, *Delegations Coordinator*

CAMOAPA

Angel Rivas, *Developer and Coordinator*

Carlos Bodan, *Health Educator*

Blanca Lopez, *Reforester*

SAN LORENZO

Juan José Hernández, *Developer*

Dinorah Mejía, *Health Educator*

Lester Bonilla, *Reforester*

CIUDAD DARIO/TERRABONA

Marlon Andrades, *Developer and Coordinator*

Mayra Matamoros, *Health Educator*

Lester González, *Health Educator*

David Ruiz, *Reforester*

EL SAUCE

Oneida Hernandez, *Developer and Coordinator*

Olivia Mayela, *Health Educator*

Erick Velásquez, *Reforester*

WIWILI

Fermin Báez, *Developer and Coordinator*

Alberto José Zeledón, *Health Educator*



Carlos Bodan (left) and Angel Rivas (right), El Porvenir staff members in Camoapa. In 2010, Carlos and Angel worked with 1,577 villagers in Camoapa on water and sanitation projects as well as health education training.

El Porvenir Board of Directors

Val Finney, *Chair*—Realtor, affordable housing and renewable energy advocate

Val Little, *Vice-Chair*—Director, Water Conservation Alliance of Southern Arizona

Gonzalo Guerra, *Secretary*—Specialist for Monitoring and Evaluation, United Nations in Uruguay

Richard Whitmore, *Treasurer*—Professional forester (retired)

Fredrick Cooper—Engineer and President, Cooper Zietz Engineers, Inc.

Joni Foster—Freelance consultant on community economic development, former El Porvenir staff member

David Arnolds—Senior Counsel, Chevron; Founder, Colorado Friends of El Porvenir

Mark Smith—Health Economist, Thomson Reuters

Chris Conway—Spanish teacher, Albany Academy

J.B. Jones—President, Jones Western Resources

Liz Specht—Founding El Porvenir Board member; Board President emeritus, St. John's Educational Center

Gabriela Tinoco—Environmental engineer; former Finance Director and Executive Director for El Porvenir

Work Trips

Join a work trip and spend one to two weeks in a village working alongside local families on latrines, a community wash station, or reforesting a micro-watershed. Our trips are a unique opportunity to experience the reality of rural life in a developing country, learn about water and sanitation needs, and contribute to the sustainable development of Nicaragua. Villagers benefit from the encouragement and inspiration that result from the friendships participants offer.



"This trip was the most incredible and important thing I have done in my life. At last I have done something with true meaning for others.

"We put in 3 latrines for the kids. Before, the school had no toilet facilities, so the kids had to walk home for them (if their home even had them). It was so great to see what we could accomplish in a week!"--Timm Dobbins, Work Trip Participant and San Francisco Friends of El Porvenir Leader

Clean Drinking Water and Improved Sanitation: We work with rural communities to provide sustainable water resources and implement a variety of technologies including hand-dug wells, drilled wells, gravity flow water systems, water quality testing, latrines, community wash stations, and hand-washing stations.

ADALÍS HERNÁNDEZ, mother of 3, used to walk 4 km multiple times each day, up and down steep hills on rough trails, to get water. She was exhausted from carrying 40 pound buckets of dirty water on her head, and her family was often sick. The cost of medicine and travel to the hospital were big expenses for them.

Adalís is now treasurer of the La Pita Water/Sanitation Committee. She helped organize and build a well and latrines in her village—and now works to maintain them.

“I have water in my house, and I can easily do household chores, maintain good hygiene, and my children don’t get sick any more. I have more time for my children, my home, my animals, and my small store. With the money we earn from the store, my family is better off,” she says.

“The latrine project also improved community hygiene and dignity, especially for us women. I feel optimistic about the future: the community will continue to develop, and we will all benefit. I am going to make sure that this project doesn’t fall apart by working with the community to maintain the system through the monthly payments we all make for the sustainability of the system. El Porvenir helped us fulfill one of our wishes: having safe, accessible drinking water. It’s like a dream come true for us.”





In a project village, a boy was sick from dirty water and poor sanitation so often that he worried his teacher would erase his name from the attendance list. Clean drinking water and sanitation facilities improve health, letting children focus on learning. With an education, they can work to break the cycle of poverty.



Reforestation: We support the reforestation of micro-watersheds in Nicaragua by strategically planting native trees and preventing deforestation through the use of fuel-efficient stoves.

In 1998, Hurricane Mitch caused a landslide and destroyed many of the trees in the area of Palo de Agua, Don Álvaro's home. A small spring provided water to the community, but after Mitch, the spring dried up. By 2002, when reforestation was first thought about, Don Álvaro's lands and the surrounding area were treeless with little vegetation. From the first trees planted in 2002 from an El Porvenir-led nursery, Don Álvaro started working on his dream of reforesting the area. The first trees were planted where the spring had been.



Don Álvaro is 63 years old and has 6 children. He received literacy training in the 1980s, but can only write his name. He is proud that his 6 children finished primary school.

Don Álvaro is dedicated to his trees and farm. Over the years, he has planted more than 2,500 trees. He has planted pineapple, fruit trees, and banana trees as well as built living fences and barriers to protect the area. He makes a living selling corn and beans—with extra income from selling fruit in town. His land has regained fertility, and most importantly, the spring that dried up has begun to flow again. It has more water than anyone remembers.



Boy waters seedlings that he helped plant in his village's tree nursery. These trees will later be strategically re-planted throughout the village micro-watershed. Reforestation improves aquifer recharge, prevents soil erosion, and improves agricultural productivity.

Health and Hygiene Education: By educating community members about proper hygiene practices and training local health promoters, we are helping communities realize the full benefit of access to water and improved sanitation.

Educational activities are instrumental in helping people adopt healthy habits. In an unannounced visit to a past project in the village of Sabalar, we verified that villagers had internalized the new practices taught by community and health educators. Latrine sites were clean and many houses had hand-washing stations. One home had painted their latrine superstructure so it would last longer. Wells have small, well-kept gardens around them.

A quick survey of mothers revealed their happiness with new practices which they related to improved health, enthusiastically saying things like “My children are healthier!”



Hand-washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of disease and is emphasized in our education program. The program looks at village health problems, causes, consequences, and solutions.

Problemas.	Causas.	Consecuencias.	Problemas	Causas	Consecuencias
Deforestación. Caza indiscriminada de animales. Caza de animales.	- Falta de conciencia humana. - Descumplimiento de las leyes. - Necesidad de satisfacer sus deseos o pobreza. - Descuido.	- Sequías. - Enfermedades. - Pobreza. - Desastres naturales. - Muertes.	El despale y la basura y la quema contaminación del agua.	1. Insensibilidad de la humanidad - contaminación - Recalentamiento Global. 2. Conscientizar a la Población o Comunidad	1. Se sacan los ríos - Pérdidas de los suelos - Contaminación de los suelos - Menos rendimiento las cosechas - Extensión de las enfermedades - El sistema de agua está deteriorado 2. Enfermedades

To Our Supporters: Thank you to all who contributed to El Porvenir's success in 2010 through charitable giving as well as gifts of time and talent. Through your gifts, you empower rural Nicaraguan communities to improve their living standards through the sustainable development of water, sanitation, reforestation, and health education. You are improving the lives of thousands of individuals and families in Nicaragua.

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2010

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$132,982
Accounts Receivable	12,146
Promises to Give	71,971
Investments	263,602
Total Current Assets	480,701

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Total Property & Equipment 68,574

TOTAL ASSETS \$549,275

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

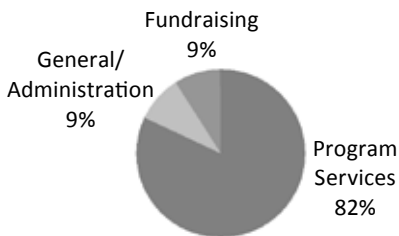
CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$5,444
Accrued Expenses	46,862
Total Current Liabilities	52,306

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	336,512
Temporarily Restricted	160,457
Total Net Assets	496,969

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS \$549,275



Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions	\$451,648
Work trips	110,469
Educational Tour	7,300
Grants	261,331
Investment Return	859
Donated Services	15,532
Other	28,251

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE 875,390

EXPENSES

Program Services	824,548
General and Administrative	91,120
Fundraising	91,675

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,007,343

Net Assets released from restrictions	103,328
Change in unrestricted net assets	(28,625)

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions	105,397
Net assets released from restrictions	(103,328)

Change in temporarily restricted net assets	2,069
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (26,556)

NET ASSETS: START OF YEAR \$523,525

NET ASSETS: END OF YEAR \$496,969

A copy of the complete audited financial statements with an auditor's report by Wegner LLP, CPAs and Consultants, our independent auditor, may be obtained upon request.

"El Porvenir's success is rooted in the Nicaraguan people's own sense of what is right and good in a human being's basic right to clean water. This is repeatedly reflected every time a group of people from a small remote village knock on El Porvenir's door and present their own plans to bring safe water to their community."—Matt St. John, Program Officer, Episcopal Relief and Development



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“Water For People is honored to be partnering with El Porvenir in Nicaragua. We feel that the quality of your work is exceptional. Your monitoring of past projects leads to constant programmatic improvements which is inspiring to us and helps make us a better organization.” —Ned Breslin, CEO, Water For People

“El Porvenir offers all the components that H2O for Life is looking for in an implementing partner. After a personal visit, we know the projects are well done and meet the needs of the schools and community. H2O for Life plans to continue our collaboration for many years to come.” —Patty Hall, President/Co-founder, H2O for Life