



A Quaker Response to Poverty

Quaker Bolivia Link

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QBL–US Board Annual Report for 2010

Dear Friends:

In 2010 Quaker Bolivia Link continued to support impoverished communities in the Bolivian Andes. Though donations were down nearly 5% from 2009, we were grateful for generous donations from individuals, Quaker Meetings and Churches, and several foundations. In these tough economic times, we are pleased that contributions from individuals and Quaker Meetings were just 3% less than in 2009. To keep funds flowing to Bolivia, our program services expenditures were reduced slightly from 2009.

This past year QBL funded village projects in eight villages. We built greenhouses and chicken coops (with chickens,) completed a llama and alpaca breeding project, and provided irrigation systems and clean water systems to several villages. These projects reached over two hundred families. We continue to offer education and training in hygiene, nutrition, and systems maintenance to be sure that our projects are sustainable after completion.

We have funded extensive evaluations by outside experts of projects that were completed several years ago. We are committed to correcting problems that may have arisen to maximize the success of these older projects. Developing nations, including Bolivia, are littered with the remains of aid projects that have fallen to ruin. QBL doesn't disappear once we complete a project. We are committed to ongoing relationships with our communities.

As we look ahead to 2011 we are expanding our publicity campaigns on Facebook, where we have 524 friends (and counting) from nine countries. We are also a part of betterplace.org and globalgiving.org, two well-respected international websites that accept donations and spread the word about QBL far and wide. Please join us at our website and our facebook page to keep up to date with the latest good news about QBL.

As always, we are grateful to our generous donors, many of whom have been "repeat givers" over the years. As we look to expand our outreach, we remain loyal to our old friends who have remained loyal to us.

Sincerely,

The Board and Staff of Quaker Bolivia Link - US



QBL Projects in 2010

Eight projects were completed in 2010, benefitting 287 families in seven communities. Five projects are now underway, expanding our outreach to 207 additional families. These projects include clean water for personal use, irrigation for crops, and agricultural and livestock projects. In addition QBL will continue to evaluate previous projects, and update and modify conditions to improve the efficiency of these projects.

Projects Finished in 2010

Tupaltupa Chickens - Through this project, 21 families will improve their nutrition and income with chicken coops, chickens and training provided by QBL. QBL-UK Contribution: \$4,964

Huancuyo Greenhouses – 30 families will improve their nutrition and income in the community of Huancuyo through greenhouses and training provided by QBL. QBL-US Contribution: \$17,018

Sora Lupirana Water - 51 families now have access to water and are applying training in hygiene to improve the health of their families. QBL will provide workshops on hygiene, water usage and the operation, administration and sustainability of the system. QBL-US Contribution, \$14,536

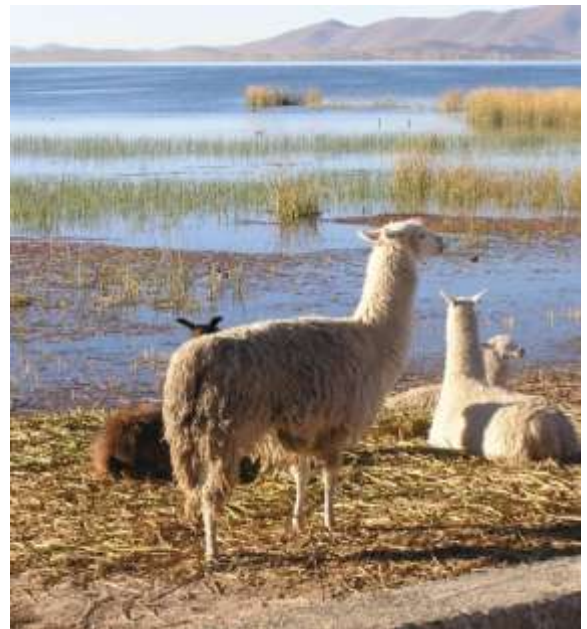
Qhotia Camelids - This project helped 60 families improve the genetic quality of their llama and alpaca herd through new breeding stock, stabilizing birth and mortality rates, increasing fertility rates, and increasing fiber production and carcass weight. QBL-UK Contribution: \$9,766

Hucuri Milluni Irrigation – 61 families have improved their crop production after receiving an irrigation system, and training in production schedules, crop diversification, forage crops, and irrigation system maintenance. QBL-UK Contribution: \$15,334

Condo Chejwaya Water - 45 families now have access to water and are applying hygiene education to improve the health of their family. QBL will provide workshops on hygiene, water usage and the operation, administration and sustainability of the system. QBL-UK Contribution: \$24,507

Tiquipa Chickens – 19 families received training, chicken coops and chickens in order to provide eggs to their family four times per week. QBL-UK Contribution: \$6,776

Evaluation of 2006-07 Projects—QBL continues to evaluate previous projects to monitor their progress and impact in the community. We use these evaluations to improve our current work. The US and UK funded an external consultant to evaluate 27 different projects that were funded in 2006-07. QBL-US and QBL-UK contributions: \$3,882



Projects in Progress at the end of 2010

Condoroca Water—This project will provide water to 47 families and train them in hygiene and water system maintenance. This will provide the families with long-term access to clean water and improve the health of their families. QBL-US Contribution: \$16,264.

Pachacuti Beans—This project will improve the income of 22 families by providing seeds and training in proper crop management, with a special focus on ecological technologies. QBL-UK Contribution: \$4544

Calla Arriba Irrigation—45 families will increase their production by 15% with the provision of this irrigation system. The families will be trained in crops to plant during the dry season. QBL-US Contribution: \$13,710.

Quilloma Water Project—This project seeks to provide a water pumps and small gravity fed water systems to 48 families, providing access to clean water and improve their health through training in hygiene. QBL-US Contribution: \$15,898.

Reinforcement of 04-05 Projects—88 families from the communities of Sacasaca, Iquiaca and San Martin will receive additional training in order to reinforce their original water and greenhouse projects. QBL-US Contribution: \$1,955.



Developed using Google Maps

QBL did projects in these areas:

Carabuco area
Pachacuti Beans

Peñas area
Huancuyo Greenhouses
Quotia Camelids

Jesús de Machaca area
Hucuri Milluni Irrigation
Condo Chejwaya Water
Calla Arriba Irrigation

Corocoro area
Tupaltupa Chickens
Sora Lupirana Water
Tiquipa Chickens
Condoroca Water
Quilloma Water

In addition QBL did evaluation and reinforcement Projects in 29 communities (not shown.)

QBL works primarily in the high plains of western Bolivia. Locations of 2010 projects, finished and current, are indicated in this Google Maps view. The white line through Lake Titicaca is the border with Peru. La Paz (Nuestra Señora de La Paz) is near the snow-covered Andes .

Why Bolivia?

Sixty five percent of Bolivians are indigenous Andean people. They are poor and marginalized in their own country. They face many obstacles including poor soil, a short growing season and a lack of safe water for drinking and irrigation. There is widespread malnutrition.

The international community often overlooks Bolivia because its problems are not the result of natural disasters, violent conflict, or terrorism. The plight of the indigenous Bolivians remains largely ignored.

QBL funds projects are generated by these communities. We do not impose our ideas, but work with the populace to meet their self-defined goals. QBL provides skilled planning, supervised construction, maintenance and management training, and long-term evaluation.

QBL-US Mission Statement

Quaker Bolivia Link (QBL) is an international, non-sectarian development organization guided by Quaker principles and dedicated to reducing poverty among the indigenous peoples of Bolivia. We fund, construct, and monitor community-based projects to secure food sources, promote better health, and generate income.

The following principles guide our actions:

- QBL works to raise awareness of Bolivian culture and society.
- QBL seeks to include men and women equally in the planning and leadership of projects.
- QBL does not fund projects that have a religious purpose and neither includes nor excludes communities because of their religious beliefs.



A young mother and child

Six reasons to support Quaker Bolivia Link

1. We respect the people in our project communities and include women in all phases of development. We listen, consult, and work as partners. QBL avoids western paternalism.
2. Our four university-trained technicians in La Paz are all native Bolivians. By working with QBL they are giving back to their people.
3. Every project is painstakingly assessed before it is submitted for financing. Donors can be confident that a QBL project is efficient and effective.
4. We monitor each project after completion. Our technicians periodically check on progress and address problems that may have arisen.
5. From time to time we work in partnership with other Bolivian organizations. We approve these projects before funding and monitor them carefully.
6. QBL projects do not create dependence on outside aid. They promote sustainability in communities by training people to fund, manage, and maintain QBL projects.



Community working to lay pipes

Financial Summary for the Year Ending December 31, 2010

Total 2010 revenue: \$ 79,459

- \$ 79,044 Contributions (1), (2)
 - \$ 63,940 from 253 donations from individuals, including Securities donations of \$ 20,837
 - \$ 4,604 from 29 donations from Quaker Meetings and Churches
 - \$ 10,500 from Foundations
 - \$ 5,000 from AMB
 - \$ 5,000 from Pratt Family Fund
 - \$ 500 from Rancho Bernardo Soroptomists
- \$ 415 Other Net Income

Functional Expenses: \$109,541

- \$ 88,707 Program Services (2), (3)
- \$ 15,293 Support Services -- Management and General Activities
- \$ 5,541 Support Services -- Fundraising Activities (2)

Net assets, End of Year: \$ 111,381 (4), (5)

Notes:

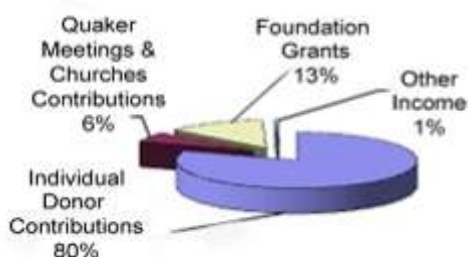
- (1) Of contributions received in 2010, \$69,044 was unrestricted and \$10,000 was temporarily restricted.
- (2) A QBL employee contributes his net salary as well as the employer's portion of health insurance to QBL. This contribution, which does not cover payroll taxes (employee and employer portions), is netted against related expenses.
- (3) Program Services include the following:
 - Direct Project Costs in Bolivian Communities (\$50,293)
 - Local Administration in Bolivia (\$27,333)
 - U.S Project Management of Bolivian Projects (\$9,657)
 - U.S. Awareness Education (\$1,423).

A significant change was made in 2010 to reclassify Bolivian field staff salaries as "Local Administration in Bolivia" rather than as "Direct Project Costs in Bolivian Communities."

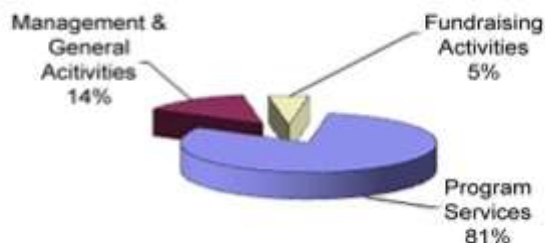
(4) Of net assets at December 31, 2010, \$614 remains temporarily restricted and \$110,767 as unrestricted.

(5) Net assets were augmented significantly in 2006 as a result of a single donor making a generous gift of \$132,000, at which time the Board decided to expend this gift over subsequent years.

2010 Revenue (\$79,459)



2010 Functional Expenses (\$109,541)



Some Resources Available on our Website, QBL.org

Our QBL website: this leads to the Home/News page showing recent news items. It also shows the main menu of website sections.

Newsletter archives: Entry to previous print newsletters, e-Newsletters, annual reports like this, and other communications.

QBL Projects: Overview of projects (water, agriculture, etc.) and links to details

QBL Tote Bags: photos of these attractive bags, and how to get them

QBL DVD: how to get this half-hour program about QBL, on a disk or streaming on the internet

Report on Board Visit to Bolivian projects, April 09

Contribute: How to support QBL

Contact us: initiate an email to QBL staff.



Outreach

In 2010 QBL continued to expand and reach more individuals and Quaker meetings.

We have made wide use of Facebook with 524 'friends' (and counting) in nine different countries. Through Facebook we have been able to spread awareness of QBL to a much wider audience. This doesn't result in immediate higher donations, but we are laying the foundations of wider knowledge of our work. We have new messages and photos several times a week, to keep the face of Bolivia in general and QBL in particular before our many friends.

QBL presentations: Displays and talks were presented to Quaker meetings and conferences during the year, as well as community organizations. We have been especially fortunate to have links with Soroptimists in Southern California.

Although we are still in a worldwide recession we have been fortunate to have the support of a group of very generous supporters who have made large donations. While many non-profit organizations have been in crisis, we held our own with a similar income to 2009. QBL is hugely grateful for the loyal financial support of our donors. These supporters have touched the lives of the people in the Bolivian villages who got their drinking water systems or greenhouses in 2010.

As we continue our work to help the indigenous poor in Bolivia, we ask you to help us invent new ways to spread the news about QBL. Colorful, informative posters and leaflets are available and our outreach director and other dedicated volunteers are available to give presentations. You, our loyal supporters, have made it possible for QBL to help thousands of Bolivians in the past 13 years.

QBL-US Staff

Robert Vincent – Coordinator of Operations for QBL-US since 2002. Speaks fluent Spanish. Worked for three years in Lima, Peru with an international relief and development agency. Attends Stillwater, OK Friends Meeting.

Ken Barratt - Director of Outreach for QBL-US since 1998. Joint founder of QBL in Britain in 1995. Moved to San Diego in 1998 and set up QBL-US. Has led eight groups to Bolivia to visit QBL project sites. Member of San Diego Friends Meeting.

QBL-US Board of Directors

Patricia Close (2008-present) Obstetrician/Gynecologist. Volunteer for Doctors of the Human Rights Clinics, and Amacari (Bolivia) Medical Clinic, a QBL Project. Attends Purchase NY Friends Meeting.

Roger Conant (2006-present) Retired electrical engineering professor. Webmaster for QBL. Member of Mount Toby Friends Meeting, Leverett, MA.

Lois Hackney (2004-present) Adjunct Education Professor, Wilmington College, OH. Presiding Clerk of Wilmington OH Yearly Meeting. General Board of Friends United Meeting and Chester Friends Meeting, Wilmington, OH.

Tom Harvey (2006-present) Retired owner of manufacturing business. Member of Sandy Spring MD Friends Meeting.

Graham Johnson, (2004 -present) Retired Federal Government financial manager and CPA. Former Member of Board and Executive Committee of Friends Committee on National Legislation. Member of Sandy Spring MD Friends Meeting.

Dawn Kennedy, Clerk (2008-present) Business owner, providing lactation support and counseling. Attends Mount Toby (MA) Friends Meeting and teaches First Day School.

Daniel Watson (2004-present) Peace Corps Volunteer in Bolivia 1995-1997, working in Chuquisaca and Potosi on agricultural projects. Tax accountant for City of Cincinnati OH.

Gretchen Woelfle, Recording Clerk (2003-present) Award-winning children's author. Attends Santa Monica, CA Friends Meeting.