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## My greatest wish- a faucet.



Count the faucets in your house or apartment. Don't forget the shower, and the supply to the dishwasher, toilet and washing machine.

Here in the US we may aspire to that Mercedes or a new laptop or an iPhone. In the Andean communities where we work the dream is to have just one tap that brings safe water. That single cold water tap is a huge advance.

Almost 50 villages now have a QBL faucet

or water pump outside every house. This is a leap forward in the lives of hundreds of families. No more walking two or three hours every day of the year carrying buckets of water. No more need to drink water which can be contaminated—which brings intestinal parasites and constant diarrhea.

Our 50 village water systems are only the start for QBL. Bolivia is the size of Texas and California put together. There are countless rural communities where water is still

brought in buckets, or where the source is polluted. There are many villages where children aren't sent to school because they have to spend their day carrying water. There are scores of villages where washing hands and brushing teeth would take precious drinking or cooking water. There are villages where many die young because they drink contaminated water.

**QBL target – bring water to five villages in the Pacajes region**

**QBL has an ambitious plan for 2010.**

We want to construct water supplies in five neighboring villages in the Pacajes region, three hours east of La Paz. Our Bolivian team has targeted this area as being in particular need. Reaching the area in the rainy season entails crossing dangerously deep rivers. The houses are of mud brick with dirt floors. The long seven month dry season means fetching water in buckets from distant sources.

By concentrating on one area we can put the whole region the first step up the ladder out of poverty. We can free people from the grind of carrying in their water every day of the year. We can give them that luxury that we take for granted more than any other – safe drinking water.

Be part of the future of these villages by sending us a generous donation.

With your help hundreds of families in Pacajes could have a tap outside their house by the end of this year.

You will probably never go to Pacajes, and never see what your gift has achieved, but you will know that you have touched the lives of some of the poorest people in South America.



Community members may lay over two miles of piping to bring water to every house.

“I’m 60 years old, and QBL are the first people ever to come to help our village.”



Without water supplies our QBL greenhouses wouldn't be green

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