

Huancollo Irrigation System

*A Quaker response
to poverty*

Huancollo is two hours south of La Paz over an eastern range of the Andes from the Altiplano. The houses have no safe drinking supply. They are of mud brick, many with straw roofs and bare dirt floors. The people live from the cultivation of apples, pears and vegetables. Huancollo is substantially poorer than surrounding villages. It is arid with low crop yields. Malnutrition is commonplace.



Just \$16,388 from QBL plus \$2,000 from the local mayor's office will bring irrigation to the fields of 53 families. Food supplies and income will be transformed.

Our technicians have already worked with the families and designed the system. They will construct two water intakes, a storage tank and piping to deliver the water to the fields.

As with all our projects, the people themselves contribute the labor of carrying pipes, valves and cement, digging trenches for piping, mixing the cement for the tanks. Many days work.

53 families will have more than twice the land under production and be able to grow vegetables throughout the long dry season. Additionally they will have a source of income by selling their produce in local markets.



By partnering QBL with a donation you will be transforming the lives of over 300 indigenous Andean people — permanently.

QBL was founded in 1995. We have brought water supplies to more than 40 villages and constructed over 400 greenhouses in the High Andes.

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