



NEWS OF INTEREST

2012 will be Rural Water Ventures' 10th year of funding projects that save children's lives and reduce the incidence of serious disease in rural Nicaraguan villages by bringing adequate quantities safe water to each village home via pipelines as well as the provision of latrines for hygienic sanitation.

Our project in 2012 will be our 20th.

There are now over **3300** people, **2000** of them children, with access to safe water and hygienic sanitation at their homes. The vast majority never imagined that they would ever have these.

It is the ongoing support of the Rural Water Ventures community that has allowed these significant milestones to have been reached. Our project in 2012 will be our 20th.

And yet, the need for access to safe water and hygienic sanitation in rural villages in central Nicaragua remains enormous. There are hundreds of rural villages where the life and health of the population, especially the children, is continually threatened by lack of access to safe water. So we shall carry on and your contribution will be put to very good use.

We are hopeful that what has been accomplished to date is but preparation for what we will be able to do going forward.

Thank you for being a member of the Rural Water Ventures Community



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Our Mission

The mission of Rural Water Ventures is to save lives and to reduce the incidence of serious disease among rural villagers in Nicaragua by funding projects that will provide them access to adequate quantities of safe drinking water and hygienic sanitation.



Where we work



- Rural Water Ventures is a tax exempt, nonprofit.
- Your contribution is tax deductible and **100%** of your contribution goes to the project you choose.

Bringing Hope and Health to Nicaraguan Villages

By John Harrington

Our family became involved with Rural Water Ventures because of Bill McQueeney's enthusiasm for saving lives of rural villagers of Nicaragua. When Bill first approached us years ago, his message resonated with Maureen and me. Bill's story of the plight of the disadvantaged villagers in the hills of Nicaragua was so overwhelming and sad. In particular, the unhealthy conditions for infants and young children exposed to serious disease due to the lack of safe drinking water and clean sanitation. Bill's portrayal helped us to see each villager as an individual with talents and aspirations, struggling to provide their families with a better quality of life.

My parents took great risk to immigrate to this country nearly 100 years ago, coming to America with only the clothes on their backs, as they fled war and persecution and hunger. They came to create a better life for their family and in doing so they taught all their children the lesson of gratitude, to give back in service to God and country and community, with strong emphasis on helping those less fortunate.

The story of the Nicaraguan villagers struck home, reminding us of our roots and our obligation to help those in great need.

Over the years we have seen that our donations have been used very effectively with virtually every dollar being used to provide the necessary materials and technology for each project. Of particular note to us, was that the villagers volunteered to work



Young ladies with safe water, Puerto Yaro

tirelessly under grueling conditions to bring the water to the homes in these villages. They performed work that most of us would be unwilling to do.

Unquestionably the management of Rural Water Ventures is outstanding under the leadership of Bill McQueeney. His dedication and unselfish commitment to RWV is a great example and inspiration to all. The accomplishments of Rural Water Ventures over the years have provided an element of hope and

everlasting benefit to the countless numbers of disadvantaged people of

Nicaragua.

The completion of many projects has also provided great satisfaction to all individuals on the giving and helping side—they help to follow the credo of helping one's brothers and sisters in this world.

2011 Projects for the Villages of Lirio de los Valles & La Esperanza were Completed Very Successfully

By Bill McQueeney

Lirio de los Valles

Lirio is a small village of 152 persons and 27 homes high in the hills of central Nicaragua. It's people are extremely poor. They survive by subsistence farming. The people of Lirio banded strongly under the leadership of their water committee and especially their Pastor. Each family signed a

commitment to do the project tasks that they were asked to do, when asked and with no monetary compensation. Their accomplishments are very significant.

With Agua Para La Vida's leadership & guidance, the villagers did the following:

- Encapsulated in reinforced concrete a spring above the village whose output of 11,000 gallons a day far exceeds Lirio's needs even when its population expands by 50%
- Installed manually a conduction pipeline of 500 feet, 1 meter deep
- Constructed a 55 cubic foot reinforced concrete storage tank
- Installed manually a pipeline distribution network of 17,000 linear feet (3.3 miles) to deliver safe water to each residence as well as the village school and church.
- Installed safe drinking water outlets in 27 backyards plus the school & church
- Built latrines at the 25 residences that were without them



Lirio de los Valles project launch meeting

La Esperanza

La Esperanza is a village of 173 people and 33 residences that adjoins our favorite village of La Isla. Similarly to Lirio de los Valles, the people of La Esperanza survive by subsistence farming mainly. The people of La Esperanza were the beneficiaries

of much help & support from their neighbors in La Isla.

- The people of La Isla allowed La Esperanza's folks to use excess output from their spring. That excess amounts to 18,000 gallons a day, which far exceeds La Esperanza's need of 6000 gallons per day
- A conduction pipeline of 3588 feet was installed manually 1 meter deep
- Installed a reinforced concrete storage tank size of 54 cubic feet
- Installed manually a distribution network of 26,250 feet (5 miles) to bring water to each residence plus the school & church
- Safe drinking water outlets were installed in 33 backyards
- Built latrines at the 25 residences that were without them



Storage tank at La Esperanza Mar 11, 2011

2012 project to be funded through your generosity

By Bill McQueeney

Walana el Achiote

In 2012 we will provide funds for a project in the village of Walana el Achiote.

Walana el Achiote has 141 residents, 56 of them children, 29 residences plus 2 schools and a church. They have access only to highly contaminated water. As a result 69% of the families suffer continually from diarrhea, parasites and even dengue fever. The lives of its children are at risk every day. And the energy and strength of its adults are compromised dangerously. Day after day the people of Walana el Achiote seek to survive amidst these threats, in addition to the chronic deprivation & destitution in which they are immersed.

Our fondest hope is that the results at Walana el Achiote will parallel those of previous projects and transform the lives of its people, especially its children, through their access to adequate quantities of safe water and hygienic sanitation and the better health that it brings them

The tasks that the people of Walana el Achiote will undertake voluntarily and with no monetary compensation under the leadership of our partners Agua Para La Vida include:

- Construction of a viaduct bringing water to the start of the conduction pipeline
- Installation of a conduction pipeline of 26,500 feet (5 miles) by hand, 1 meter deep
- Construction of a reinforced concrete storage tank of 63 cubic feet
- Installation of distribution network piping of 41,500 feet (8 miles) by hand, 1 meter deep

- Construction of safe water outlets at 29 residences plus the 2 schools & church
- Latrines will be built at 21 residences needing them



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