

# **Quaker Bolivia Link, US**

## **2012 Annual Report**

Dear Friends,

Quaker Bolivia Link continues to support impoverished communities in the Bolivian Andes in fulfilling our mission as a Quaker Response to Poverty. Through the generous support of our donors we have continued to fund village projects that include clean water systems, greenhouses, and animal husbandry. We also have provided education in hygiene, nutrition, and system maintenance to ensure that these life-enhancing additions to village life will be ongoing in the lives of the people.

I learned of QBL through my Quaker meeting several years ago and visited Bolivia with my wife in 2011. It became clear to me that this was important work for humanity that was being accomplished with great efficiency and compassion. I joined the QBL-US Board shortly thereafter and now serve as Clerk for our US organization. My recent trip in May of 2013 reconfirmed my dedication to this mission.

We have worked hard to expand our presence on Facebook and other web-based charitable sites. Our applications to grant-funding organizations have been well-received as we continue to expand our mission. We have also continued our direct outreach to the public so that more people can know of the important work that is going on here.

The US continues to focus our efforts to provide access to clean water in some of the poorest regions of the Bolivian Altiplano. Low funding levels in 2011 caused a slight dip in project funding for 2012. We took advantage of that dip to revisit projects funded between 2004 and 2009—monitoring their status and planning possible reinforcement if needed. In 2012, we regained our momentum and expect to bring our project funding levels above our 2010 commitments for 2013. We will continue to focus on water projects in the Pacajes Province, although we also look forward to some interesting possibilities with quinoa, llama or other projects that will build upon our work in communities that now have water systems.

As always we are grateful to our generous donors. This is important work that will only continue with your support.

In peace,

John Scardina

Clerk, Quaker Bolivia Link US

On Behalf of the Board and Staff of QBL-US

## **Project Activity in 2012**

**The following projects were completed in 2012**

### **Water projects finished in 2012**

Our Bolivian offices completed water projects in 5 different communities in Bolivia in 2012. Each water project provided either hand pumps or gravity fed water systems. In addition, each water project provides training in personal and home hygiene, healthy living, water system or hand pump maintenance and community organization. Below is a list of water projects that were completed in 2012. You can find the locations of these projects at [www.qbl.org/maps](http://www.qbl.org/maps).

- **Sojata Water**—Provided hand pumps to 28 families. **QBLUS Contribution: \$14,491.00**
  
- **Puki Willki Water**—Provided 78 families with either hand pumps or small gravity-fed water systems. **QBLUS Contribution: \$22,230.27**
  
- **Chiacata Water**—45 families were provided with a gravity-fed system. **QBLUS Contribution: \$11,762.00**
  
- **Vilaque Water**—Provided 38 families with hand pumps or small gravity-fed water systems. **QBLUS Contribution: \$15,228.00**
  
- **Kantupata Water**—32 families were provided with hand pumps or small gravity-fed water systems. **QBLUS Contribution: \$14,055.32**

### **Other projects finished in 2012**

**Janko Marca Sirpa Water II**—Supplementing funding from the original project, QBL provided training and materials for using water meters that were required by this project. QBL also provided community trash receptacles and additional hygiene kits for the school children. **QBLUS Contribution: \$994.17**

**Hucuri Milluni Irrigation Technical Assistance**—The community received local government funding to extend a QBL funded irrigation project that benefited 46 families. We supplied the technical expertise and training materials. **QBLUS Contribution: \$905.11, funded with balances from finished projects.**

**Project Monitoring**—QBL staff visited 19 projects from 2004-2009 to check on their status and collect additional data. Funding covered travel expenses and staffing. **QBLUS Contribution: \$922.08**

## **Active Projects in December 2012**

### **Water Projects**

- **Putuni Condoroca Water II**—Will provide 35 families with water through a gravity-fed system. **QBLUK Contribution: \$20,915.09**
- **Palcoma Baja Water**—Will provide 48 families with water pumps and small gravity-fed water systems. **QBLUS Contribution: \$15,836.52**
- **Rosasani Water**—Will provide 37 families with water pumps and small gravity-fed systems. **QBLUS Contribution: \$13,252.55**
- **Thimpa Water**—Will provide 20 families with water pumps and small gravity-fed systems. **QBLUK Contribution: \$12,961.71**

### **Other Projects Active in December 2012**

**Collana Playa Verde Quinoa**—QBL is providing improved quinoa seeds and training in quinoa production for 28 families. The project seeks to increase production, and ultimately income, for these families. **QBLUK Contribution: \$12,858.64**

## 2012 Financial Information

### Quaker Bolivia Link

### Income Statement

As of December 31, 2012

Income		Outlays	
<b>Contributed support</b>		<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
Unrestricted Contributions		Staffing and Consultant Expenses	\$9,706
Individuals	\$47,028	Legal and Financial Fees	813
Quaker Organizations	3,507	Office Costs	145
Foundations/ Social Organizations	1,163	Travel – Domestic	434
Total Unrestricted Contributions	\$51,698	<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,098</b>
Donor Restricted Contributions		<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	
Vilaque Water Project	\$2,511	Staffing & Consultant Expenses	\$6,624 <sup>1</sup>
Palcoma Baja Water Project	15,837	Travel – International	825
Rosasani Water Project	5,100	Mailings	1138
Janko Marca Sirpa Water Project	925	<b>Total Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,587</b>
	\$24,373	<b>Program Expenses</b>	
Board Restricted Contributions		<b>Project Management Expenses</b>	
Grant Writing	\$3,000	Staffing and Consultant Expenses	\$6,470
Photographer air fare	1,100 <sup>2</sup>	<b>Total Project Management Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,470</b>
	\$4,100	<b>Fundación Quaker Bolivia Link Expenses (Bolivia)</b>	
Total Restricted Contributions	\$28,473	FQBL Project and Core Costs	\$54,511 <sup>4</sup>
Total Contributed support	\$80,171	Prior year expenses reclassified as deposit	-3,250 <sup>3</sup>
Less: Pay Pal Fees	-166	<b>Total FQBL Expenses</b>	<b>\$51,261</b>
Earned revenues, net	175	<b>Awareness Raising Expenses</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$80,180</b>	Staffing and Consultant Expenses	\$800 <sup>1</sup>
		Travel – International	275
		Mailings	713
		<b>Total Awareness Raising Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,788</b>
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$79,204</b>
		<b>Excess (Deficit) for 2012</b>	<b>\$976</b>

#### Income Statement Notes

<sup>1</sup> A staff member generously donates their net salary after taxes and health insurance premiums/costs. These financial statements do not recognize the donations or the costs that the donations cover. Please contact us if you would like that information.

<sup>2</sup> In March 2012, the Board approved \$1,100 to cover the airfare for a volunteer to fly to Bolivia to take photographs for QBL publications. This expense was covered by a travel grant.

<sup>3</sup> Payments have been made to FQBL for a refundable lease payment (an "anticretico") for office space where such payment will be repaid to FQBL at the end of the "anticretico" period in late 2013 and such repayment will be applied to FQBL office space costs in 2014 and beyond. Amounts recognized in prior years as expenses, are being recognized as a deposit in 2012.

<sup>4</sup> Since 2003, several finished projects had small remaining balances. In 2012, we used some of these funds to cover the maternity expenses for one of our project staff members and to also hire a temporary consultant to replace her during her maternity leave. We expect to use the remaining balances to cover some project staff salaries in 2013. None of these funds will be used for administrative costs in Bolivia or the US. Please contact us if you would like to see the specific amounts left over from previous projects and how those funds were used.

**Quaker Bolivia Link - US**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of December 31, 2012**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

Checking - Bank of America – Unrestricted	\$ 18,597
Savings - Bank of America – Unrestricted	\$ 15,975
Pay Pal	<u>\$ 3,207</u>

**Total Checking/Savings**

\$ 37,779

**Other Current Assets**

Pax World Money Market	\$ 17,695
Refundable Lease Payment to FQBL for office space	\$ 3,250 <sup>1</sup>
Alternative Gifts International Deposit	<u>\$ 3,800 <sup>2</sup></u>

**Total Other Current Assets**

\$ 24,745

**TOTAL ASSETS**

\$ 62,524

**Less: LIABILITIES**

\$ 0

**NET ASSETS**

**Net Assets, Beginning of year**

\$ 61,548

**Excess (Deficit) for 2012**

\$ 976

**Net Assets, as of October 31, 2012**

\$ 62,524

Balance Sheet Notes

<sup>1</sup> Payments have been made to Fundación Quaker Bolivia Link (FQBL) for a refundable lease payment for office space (referred to as an "anticretico"). There is an agreement with FQBL that at the end of the "anticretico" period in late 2013, the refund will be applied to FQBL office space costs in 2014 and beyond. Amounts recognized as expenses in prior years, are being recognized as a deposit in 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Deposit was made to Alternative Gifts International recognizing that QBL will receive at least \$20,000 in 2013 for water projects.