



Ojo de Agua

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ABOUT US

For 25 years Agua Para La Vida has helped communities build their own water and sanitation projects in the rural communities of Nicaragua.

Each project has four parts: Clean drinking water, sanitation, hygiene, and reforestation of the micro-watershed.

Our NGO also runs a post-secondary school which prepares outstanding young people to become water technicians.

2012 PROJECTS

Walana El Achote
(Río Blanco)

La Chocolata
(San Ramón)

Mongallo-Negrowas
(Siuna)

El Varillal
(Jícara, Nueva Segovia)

APLV, Sowing Hope!

The promoters and the APLV technical team visited 10 communities of the municipalities of Waslala, Rancho Grande, Nueva Guinea, San Dionisio, Teustepe and Jícara to do the sanitation diagnostics and topographical studies to qualify projects in those areas.

The community members were quite happy and enthusiastic with the hope that they could soon have safe, clean drinking water in their own homes, leaving behind all the work they have traditionally had to do hauling the water from distant, inaccessible locations



Health promoter doing a Surrey in Rancho Grande.



Community members and APLV technicians taking topographical measurements in Nueva Guinea.

APLV has sown hope in these communities. We hope that with your support we can harvest those seeds



More water + hygiene + health.

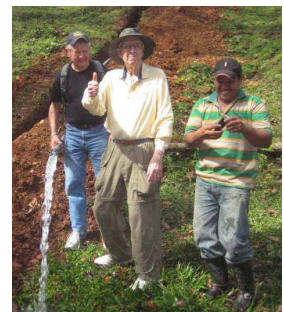


New Projects!



Thanks to Rural Water Ventures for its approval of the potable water and sanitation project for the Palan Bilampi community in the municipality of Rio Blanco.

The inhabitants of these communities will certainly have a happy new year now that their greatest dream will begin to take form in January, 2013.



Thanks Don Bill McQueeney (Representative of Rural Water Venture).



Festivities in Walana el Achiote!

The joy of the inhabitants of Walana el Achiote in Río Blanco was obvious for everyone to see as they concluded the construction of their water project, which brought clean drinking water to 38 households. 21 households also received latrines which they themselves constructed, all of which will improve significantly the hygiene and health of the entire community.

The community members and we at APLV reiterate our gratitude to Bill McQueeney of Rural Water Ventures, the donor for this project, and we are expecting him to celebrate the project completion in March, 2013. This will be a wonderful celebration and the entire community is preparing banquets and a day of smiles and joy for everyone present..

Congratulations to the beneficiaries, for making their dream come true! Surely no Christmas will be as good as this one in Walana.



Happy Grandmother, Daughter, and Granddaughter at their water tapstand.

Completion of El Varillal and la Chocolata



Yukiko Ogawa, Japanese Embassy supervisor of the La Chocolata project..

The projects of **La Chocolata** (in San Ramón) and **El Varillal** (in Jícaro) are now complete and we expect that the completion celebration will be held with the communities early in 2013.

The communities of la Chocolata and El Varillal thank the donors, the municipalities, and Agua Para La Vida for all their support during the execution phase of their project.



This girl in El Varillal should not have to walk ½ kilometer to wash corn for tortillas. Her family's water tapstand is under

Welcome Alberto!

The new professor of the ETAP, Alberto de Diego Gómez, has arrived in Rio Blanco! Alberto is a Spanish architect and civil engineer who will conduct classes for the 6th graduating class of the APLV Potable Water Technical School (ETAP).

Welcome, Alberto!, We hope that your stay in Nicaragua will be very pleasant and we wish you



He has arrived!

Congratulations Alfonso!

Alfonso Bracamontes Valle, Social Promoter for APLV recently graduated with the diploma in Promotor Social de APLV estuvo de Promoción por el Diplomado **Territory,**

Actors, and Strategies in Development taught at the national university in Managua.



Shared Experience.



The APLV Health Promoters participated in the **Second Interchange Forum on Experiences in Hygiene and Environment**, organized by the Network of Water and Sanitation in Nicaragua

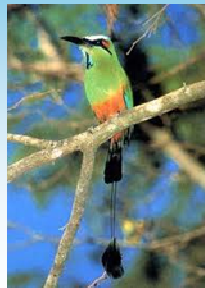
(RASNIC). It was excellent and included participation from other key organizations such as MINSA, MINED, ONGAWA, El Porvenir, Water for People, CUCULMECA and others.



Agenda

At the beginning of 2013 interviews and examinations will be held to select the incoming class at the Potable Water Technical School (ETAP).

To the Executive Director, Gilles Corcos, to the members of the USA Board of Directors, to our donors, and to all our friends and the Nicaraguan Board of Directors. On the part of the staff of APLV:



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year full of blessings, dreams, health, love, and solidarity to fill the soul with peace and prosperity.