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Photos on back by Green Empowerment Technical Director Michel Maupoux and Evan Sabogal. *Solar Water Pump Install, El Jocote, Nicaragua, April 2011.*

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This year was one of growth, strategic planning, and most importantly, outstanding project results. In early 2010, I assumed the role of Executive Director, after 8 years of working with Green Empowerment on staff, including two years managing site projects in Peru. So, it was especially heartening to go back to the rural villages dotting the highlands of Northern Peru recently and witness the dramatic changes that had occurred in *just one year*. For example, Gladys Cabanillas in the highland village of Suro Antivo, now turns a water tap on at her house for clean drinking water and switches on light in her adobe home - powered by renewable energy and built by community members. Sotero Gutierrez in the village of Cuajiniquil, Nicaragua has light for the first time, using wind and solar power. Lorena, a 70-year-old woman on the island of Negros in the Philippines, no longer has to climb down cliffs to get a sip of clean water to drink. Plus, thirty kids in the boarding school of Bang Klang dormitory along the Thai border can use computers to connect to the rest of the world. So for them, and many others, daily life looks very different today than it did a year ago.



This success is rooted firmly in the strength and far-reaching effects of our in-country partnerships. This year, we ramped up efforts on training and transferring technologies to more people, from online solar courses to organizing international networks for small wind power and biodigesters (that turn animal waste to cooking fuel and fertilizer).

What we have been focused on for years - renewable energy, water and watershed conservation - are more relevant than ever in a world facing the threats of climate change, water scarcity and degraded landscapes. Our 2011 - 2013 strategic plan, with input from partners around the world, points us in new directions and sets even higher goals. We are applying our 14 years of practical, village-level experience to reach for broader change to address these critical issues.

Our first Reuss Fellows are living in Nicaragua and the Philippines to coordinate even more closely with our in-country partners. With an incredibly dedicated staff and strong partnerships, day by day we step closer to our vision of an equitable and sustainable world where everyone has clean water, renewable energy, and a healthy environment.

Please help us continue to reach even more people by making a financial contribution. On behalf of Gladys, Sotero, Lorena and many thousands more, **thank you for your support!**

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Anna Garwood
Executive Director, Green Empowerment

Nicaragua

- A hybrid wind-solar system powers electricity in 20 houses, serving 100 people in Cuajinicuil.
- By April 2011, a new water pump in the community of El Jocote secured, to deliver clean water to 220 people along with a new health assessment survey.
- 3 micro-hydro projects under construction will supply clean energy to over 600 people by mid 2011 in the communities of El Plan, Bejuco, and Los Martinez.
- Riverbank stabilization measures to reduce erosion in the watershed and prolong life of the 950kW El Bote micro-hydro system.
- Fish production ponds built and biogas digesters installed with Virginia Tech.
- Teams of MBA students from Presidio Graduate School and Portland State University worked with rural farming communities to develop business ideas and make financial projections.

Philippines

- Installation of a ram pump in the village of Tres Hermanos provides 45 families (225 people) improved access to safe water.
- Awarded \$25,000 from the Putnam Foundation for a micro-hydro project to bring electricity to 810 people.
- Our in-country partner, Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation, Inc. (AIDFI) won the BBC World Challenge for their innovations to ram pump technology.

Peru

- Completed a micro-hydro project in Chorro Blanco resulted in electricity for 100 people, 2 schools, and a carpentry shop.
- The Alto Peru community combines solar, wind, and micro-hydro, with a micro-enterprise that manages all three technologies – the first project of this type. By 2011, new solar energy systems power 33 homes.
- Clean spring water is piped directly to the homes of 180 people in the village of Suro Antivo.
- Biosand filters now provide clean drinking water in 150 households within the Sacred Valley of southern Peru, purifying water to 750 people over the last 2 years. An integrated Community Health Worker program was launched with an intensive one year training program to deliver weekly health-related home visits, saving lives.
- Initiated new water project, in collaboration with a coffee cooperative, NGO partners and the local government which will supply clean water and latrines for 500 people in San Antonio.

Thailand/Burma

- Installation of solar power in a dormitory for indigenous children living in a school along the Thailand/Burma border.

Malaysia

- Upgraded a community-owned micro-hydro project which powers the homes of 350 indigenous villagers.
- Began a new initiative for indigenous land rights and forest protection.

Biodigester Installations and Network (RedBioLAC)

- Green Empowerment is a founding member (2009), main organizer, and Secretariat of the international Network for Biodigesters in Latin America and the Caribbean (RedBioLAC). In 2010, 80 people from 9 countries came together at EARTH University in Costa Rica. The Network secured grants from the Inter-American Development Bank and the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Global Methane Initiative to strengthen RedBioLAC's activities over the next 3 years, and launched a website: www.redbiolac.org.

Regional Partnership for Wind Projects in Latin America

- Established "WindWorks" - a two-year program focused on small-scale wind projects in Nicaragua and Peru that includes networking, technology transfer, research, and development activities. For its first year, a pilot installation in Nicaragua, plus global research on small wind systems.

On-line Solar Course for Latin America

- Two staff from Green Empowerment taught socio-economic and technical units for an on-line solar course. The 22 participants were from Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Guatemala. In January 2011, the top 8 participants from the on-line course participated in hands-on solar installations in Alto Peru.

Reuss Fellows

- Through a generous bequest, Green Empowerment's first Fellows are in the Philippines and Nicaragua - where we have longstanding partnerships, momentum, and opportunity for more projects. Fellows are working alongside in-country partners and regional agencies to strategize and jointly strengthen existing and pursue new ventures that meet shared goals.

Internships

- In 2010, we had six interns working with in-country partners and staff to achieve renewable energy goals.

Our Mission

GREEN EMPOWERMENT provides villages in the developing world access to clean water, electricity through renewable energy, and sustainable solutions.

Universities

- Coursework, workshops, and presentations led by staff; in-country service learning projects; and coordination of renewable energy projects with organizations and universities was robust including:
- Portland State University:
 - Engineering's Sustainable Water, Environmental, and Engineering Technologies (SWEET) Lab;
 - Engineers Without Borders;
 - School of Business MBA Study Abroad; and
 - Environmental Science and Management program
- Stanford University's Gil Masters' renewable energy class, and local chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW)
- Oregon Health Sciences University Annual Global Health Student Symposium
- Northwestern University's chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW)
- Presidio Graduate School's Sustainable MBA program
- Virginia Tech's Earth Sustainability program
- Cornell's Institute for Public Affairs
- University of Michigan's Engineering BLUElab
- Lewis and Clark Law School's International Environmental Law Project

Check our website and blog for project updates, new photos, and our latest success stories, www.greenempowerment.org.



Our Unique Approach

1. A rural community defines what it needs to improve quality of life such as clean water, electricity, or watershed restoration.
2. The community works with one of our local non-profit partners (NGO) to define the project, community volunteer time, training activities, and monthly fees to build a community fund for maintenance.
3. Green Empowerment works with the NGO partner to refine the project, provide technical and program assistance, connect the partner to other organizations world-wide, involve universities, and seek funding to complete the project. **This is where your donation matters, to make the project a reality!**
4. Benefits to the community are immediate: clean water saves lives and increases crop production. Electricity from renewable energy powers small business development, enhances education and improves healthcare. Protecting natural resources ensures a sustainable future.
5. Each success creates an opportunity to replicate innovative projects on a regional or global scale.



Photo by Michel Maupoux, *Steel Pipes for Tres Hermanos Ram Pump System*, near Bacolod, Negros Occidental, Philippines, June 2010.

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2010 Light A Fire Award Winner
for accomplishing the
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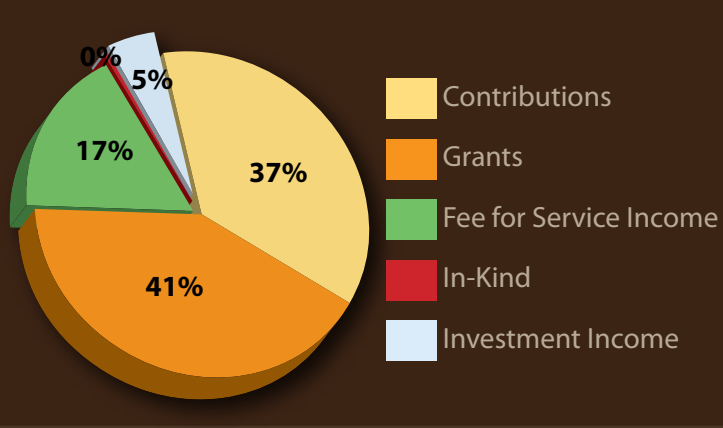
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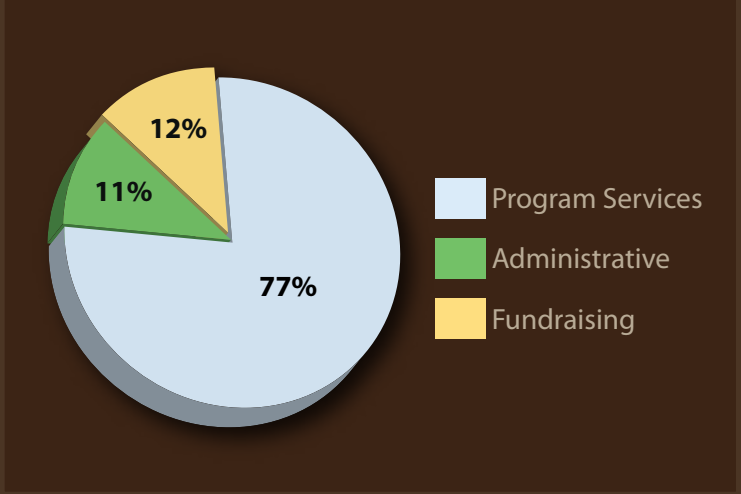
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Contributions	\$ 193,901
Grants	\$ 220,164
Fee for Service Income	\$ 91,846
In-Kind	\$ 1,432
Investment Income	\$ 24,322
Total Revenue for 2010	\$ 531,665



EXPENSES

Program Services	\$ 468,196
Administrative	\$ 66,749
Fundraising	\$ 74,060
Total Expenses for 2010	\$ 609,005



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"The system meant having water that much closer, and represented a significant reduction in labor. These people work so hard. It was beautiful to see them relax and enjoy the moment as a community."

Green Empowerment Intern
Arielle Tozier reflects on the arrival
of clean water via solar water pump,
Nicaragua 2011.

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