



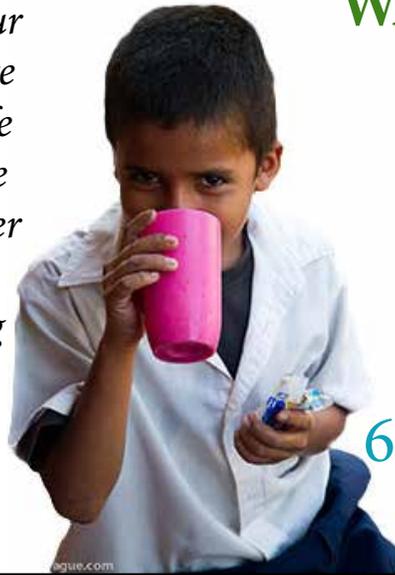
**El Porvenir**  
Clean Water, Healthy Nicaraguans

## 2013: Year At A Glance

2013 was a busy year for us! We expanded our programs, partnered with 15,715 community members on comprehensive water projects, and created our strategic plan for the next five years.

*“Having clean water in our homes is a miracle. We are inspired to live a better life and work hard to improve our community. This water project is a relief, a blessing, and life changing for us and for future generations.”*

–Don Jose Antonio



### WATER AND SANITATION

18 Wells & Water Projects

618 Double-Pit Latrines

23 Other Sanitation Projects

1,773 People with Clean Water

6,798 People with Improved Sanitation

### HEALTH EDUCATION

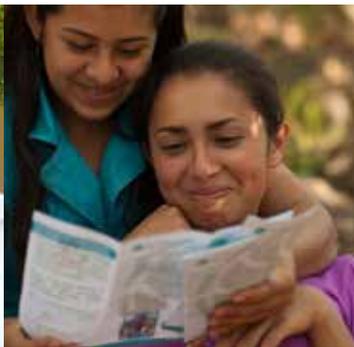
5,873 Chats & Home Visits

105 Trained Community Educators

9,689 Participants in Health Education Training

*“One of the most important aspects of El Porvenir’s work is changing the mentality of our community partners. They are not simply beneficiaries; rather, they actively seek solutions to further their own development.”*

–Léster González Mairena, Health Educator in Terrabona



# WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

104 Fuel-Efficient Stoves

526 People with Improved Stoves

83,811 Trees Planted

3,420 People Involved in Reforestation



## UPDATE: WATERSHED RESTORATION

*“I have many hopes for my community. I want to see an improved quality of life in the people as well as an improved quality in the soil and land.”*

–Reynaldo Andrés Gómez,  
community leader of La  
Montañita



2013 was the first full year of our watershed restoration program. This program aims at looking upstream to where water sources start. While the majority of the program is still concentrated in the community of La Montañita, we are incorporating restoration tactics in other areas as well. We are excited for this program to continue to grow to ensure communities have flowing water for generations to come!

## WORK TRIPS

Interested in joining a work trip and experiencing Nicaragua firsthand?  
Contact us at [tours@elporvenir.org](mailto:tours@elporvenir.org) for more information  
about upcoming opportunities!

21 Work Trips

208 Participants

*“I’ve been running service programs throughout Latin America for 12 years, and El Porvenir has been the most holistic, promising, and inclusive program of all I’ve worked with. From a healthworker perspective, El Porvenir is right on—the name of the game is prevention!”* –Lola Rodden, work trip participant



# OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our amazing community partners are the reason we do what we do. Here's a look at a few of the communities we worked with this past year:



## LOS CERRITOS

Los Cerritos is located in a dry and hilly region in the municipality of Ciudad Darío. Community members have been actively working to bring water to their community for the past 15 years. In this arid community where water is scarce, this has not been an easy feat. After hand digging 13 wells and machine drilling 3 wells without reaching water, they decided to install 2 1/2 miles of pipes to bring water to the community. After finally acquiring the rights to a spring, the community spent 2 months digging trenches for the new pipes. The project is now finished, and each household has a tap installed right outside their door.



María Jesús Velásquez is 90 years old. Ever since she was little, María walked 7 1/2 miles in order to collect water. Once, her mother broke her arm when she was carrying 2 full buckets of water. She says, “[My mother] always told me, ‘Someday we are going to have potable water.’ She died when she was 85, still with the hope that we were going to have water.” Now, with the successful installation of this water system, María’s and her mother’s dreams have become a reality.

Story featured in El Nuevo Diario. Read the full story at [elporvenir.org/page/waiting-90-years-clean-water](http://elporvenir.org/page/waiting-90-years-clean-water)

## LAS PENCAS

Julia María Mejía Martínez has lived in Las Pencas for 25 years with her husband and their 3 children. Las Pencas is located in hilly terrain, and there are few natural water sources. Before the construction of a community well, Julia used to walk long distances to search for water. Often times, if she was able to find water at all, it was dirty and foul-smelling. It was not safe to drink, but there were no other options for water. Since her family also used this water for bathing, they often had skin rashes due to the contamination.

Las Pencas collaborated with El Porvenir on a community well. Julia says she is so happy to have water close to home, but more importantly, she feels confident that it is clean and safe for her family to use. She says, “My whole family can now enjoy a better quality of life. We aren’t afraid of getting sick if we drink the water from the well because we know it is good quality. We are able to bathe with confidence and no longer have rashes on our skin. Now, I hope to live a happy and healthy life with my family.”



*“I am so grateful for all of the support we received for this project. The community is overjoyed, and we are working hard to maintain the well so that it remains in good condition for many years to come.”*



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## THANK YOU!

We love our supporters! We are so grateful for the support we received in 2013. In partnership with individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations, we are able to continue to inspire countless rural Nicaraguans to improve their standard of living through comprehensive water projects.



## LOOKING AHEAD...

Our vision for the next five years is of *“healthy, educated Nicaraguans achieving a better quality of life for themselves through an integrated approach to accessing clean and plentiful water.”*

Over the next five years, we will focus on the following:

1. Deepen our efforts to restore watersheds in Nicaragua.
2. Deepen our commitment to the future of Nicaragua: children. We will—in partnership with schools, parents, and the Ministry of Education—build more school wells/water systems, hand-washing stations, and latrines.
3. Improve monitoring of water quality.
4. In order to share our 24 years of experience, we will advocate more in Nicaragua and internationally as well as coordinate and cooperate with other organizations.