THANK YOU!

My El Porvenir story began in 2006. Like many of you, I became involved with El Porvenir because I believed in the mission. I wanted to be part of the powerful partnerships taking place that allowed families to build their future. Little did I know, I would be given the fantastic responsibility of leading this great organization. I can say, 10 years later, I am still passionate about our mission. If you’ve made a contribution, shared our story, or traveled with us, it’s because you believe in the mission as well. You not only believe in the mission, but you help us carry it out. We can not do what we do without you. Because of your wonderful support, El Porvenir has achieved 25 years of partnering with Nicaraguan families. The future is bright. Thank you!

Executive Director, Rob Bell
REFORESTATION: FROM SEEDLINGS TO TREES

Since 1983, Nicaragua’s forest cover has dropped from 63% to some 40%, according to government data. At the current rate of clearance only 25% of the country is likely to remain forested by 2030 (BBC.COM).

In 1998, we began partnering with communities to plant trees through the launch of our reforestation program. Since then, we’ve planted 933,144 trees!

We continue to partner with communities to plant nurseries and then transplant the seedlings to places where the trees will grow. Our reforestation staff and volunteers follow up to ensure survival of the seedlings, and teach community members how to collect seeds, and store them for their next nursery planting.

Communities also learn about agroforestry, intentionally integrating trees with livestock and crops to create a sustainable land-use system. By doing this, communities rejuvenate damaged cropland and pastureland while restoring stream flow, increasing rainwater absorption, recharging groundwater sources, and reducing soil erosion.

In August, Director of US Operations, Jenna Saldana, left her position at El Porvenir after years of dedicated service. Jenna assisted in planting the trees pictured below. This is a side by side comparison of trees planted in 2003, and what those trees look like today, over a decade later. This is a great reminder that what we do today will have powerful and profound impact on the future. Our legacy starts now.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBER

We are excited to announce the hire of our newest team member, Director of U.S. Operations, Preston Dickey. Preston brings years of fundraising experience, is passionate about the mission of El Porvenir, and is bilingual. The board of directors and U.S. staff are thrilled with his arrival and welcome him with open arms.

In 2004, we hired our first U.S. staff member as we began focusing our attention on the development of our U.S. office. We now have a dynamic and growing staff of four helping us accomplish our mission. The energy and dedication of our U.S. staff will allow El Porvenir to partner with rural Nicaraguan communities for years to come.
CLEAN WATER, HEALTHY NICARAGUANS

**Electric Pumping System**

The 195 residence (39 families) of Chaguite Santa Maria, now have clean flowing water.

El Porvenir staff worked with the community of Chaguite Santa Maria to design and build this electric pump water system. By actively participating, community members learn how the system works, how to fix common problems, and take ownership of their water system.

The storage tank is higher than the well allowing the water to flow via gravity to the home taps. Once electricity is installed the temporary pipe and generator will be removed. Each home has a water tap outside their door. Each family in the community contributes financially to the project each month.

Before the well can be used, all the water is pumped out to clean the well and install a sand filter at the bottom. The community boys (pictured to the right), helped pump out and clean the well.

A community member tests the water tap at the local school. Many schools do not have water or sanitation facilities, so this is an important tap to install so children can drink water during the day, wash their hands, and keep the school clean.

*Donate to projects like this at www.elporvenir.org.*

**Wish List**

Our trucks and motorcycles are tough, but even so, we are in need of new vehicles for our field staff and items for our office staff in Nicaragua:

1. **Toyota Landcruiser Pick-up Truck:**
   We know this is a lot to ask for, but our work isn’t possible without transportation. **Cost: $40,000**

2. **Four motorcycles:** The communities we partner with are farther and farther away, and we need motorcycles with more capacity. **Cost per motorcycle: $4,000**

3. **Air Conditioner:** We are in need of a new air conditioning unit for our Managua office. Please help our staff in Nicaragua work comfortably in what can be very, very, hot working conditions. **Cost: $1,000**

**Other Items Needed:**

- Office telephones. **Cost $400**
- Safety gear and motorcycle helmet. **Cost $250**
- Refrigerator. **Cost $250**
- Cameras. **Cost $200**
- Paint for office. **Cost $200**
- GPS. **Cost $150**
The $75,000 Challenge

Thirteen El Porvenir donors believe so strongly everyone deserves clean water that they are presenting this challenge: If we can raise $75,000 between August 14 and September 30, then they will match it. *Dollar for Dollar.*

**WILL YOU HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE?**

Call us today at 303.861.1499 or contribute online at www.elporvenir.org.

* All gifts must be received by September 30th and identified as going towards the $75,000 Challenge by a note, email, or verbally. Funds will be directed where most needed.