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Adopt-a-Village International



providing a hand up, not a handout, to break the cycle of poverty in Ecuador and Peru

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Our Mission:

The mission of Adopt-a-Village International (AaVI) is to partner with strategic leaders in developing countries to provide sustainable improvements in the basic human needs of impoverished villages. We accomplish this by providing a hand up, not a handout, to break the cycle of poverty.

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends of AaVI,

I hope you are enjoying time with loved ones after a very unusual year! Weddings, funerals, birthdays, graduations and so many other life events have been postponed, cancelled or scaled back dramatically. At AaVI, this is the longest we have gone without visiting one of our villages with medical, dental or support teams. Our annual Garden Party fundraiser has been held virtually for the second year in a row and our board has met virtually since last March.

Things are starting to return to normal and as you read through this newsletter, you will be encouraged by the many great things that are happening at AaVI. Here are a few highlights:

- Generous donors have provided over \$40,000 in matching funds for this year's No-show Garden Party. Please contribute today and your donation will be matched!
- We're working with local officials, in conjunction with U.S. and world health organizations, to determine when we can resume in-person activities in Ecuador and Peru. Be thinking about joining us with some of your friends and family on an expedition in 2022 or 2023. Current information will be posted on our website.

I'd like to thank you for your ongoing generosity, support and encouragement. You are making a difference!

Joe Mitchell, Chair

Our annual Garden Party fundraiser is a virtual event again this year due to ongoing health concerns. The first \$40,000 in donations will be matched by several anonymous donors, so please give today! www.adoptavillageinternational.org

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The global pandemic has not stopped the progress on our projects in Ecuador, which were made possible by generous donors like you! A \$37,000 project, in conjunction with the North Rotary Club of Colorado Springs, will provide clean water to 400 community members in Pumayacu and is almost completed. Pumayacu is located in the western jungle of Ecuador and has never had a clean water system. Just think of the improved health that is on the way for these villagers!



AaVI purchased a computer, screen, laptop and projector for our adopted village of Pumayacu. This project brings an English-speaking teacher to the school. The goal is to provide the students with a basic understanding of the English language. The main language in this community is Quechua, the native language of several South American countries. Learning English will be a challenge for the students, but your support of our efforts will help to improve lives!



Earlier this year, AaVI, in coordination with an Ecuadorian foundation called Fundacion Salud Nuevo Comienzo, provided wheelchairs to those in need located in the jungle of Ecuador. These chairs represent independence and self-sufficiency and they were a first for this small community. AaVI is making a difference with your help!



Did You Know?

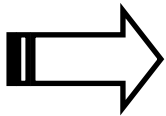


Did you know that AaVI is an entirely volunteer organization? We don't have any paid staff, which means that 100% of your donations are used to fund our various projects in Ecuador and Peru.



Resiliency is an important characteristic of non-profits and the communities they serve. Peru is one of the hardest hit by the Covid virus, with the highest per capita mortality rate of any country in the world. Adding Covid to the daily challenges of poverty results in many difficulties including increased food insecurity. Yet the hardworking people of the Amazon have adapted using creativity, family and community. They are resilient, as are AaVI and our Peruvian partner, CONAPAC. Our combined passion for equity and social justice can aid our Amazonian neighbors to regain lost ground and move out of poverty. Here is what your recent support has enabled:

- The Tamanco community is receiving a water filtration system (WFS), bringing clean water and improved health to 42 families, a total of 148 people. This island community is committed to conservation practices, teacher workshops, leadership training and more. Education is available for grades K-12 and community improvements include latrines, a computer and printer and dormitories for students from distant villages.
- With schools preparing to reopen part-time this August, the 2020 school supplies, stored during lockdown, were delivered using limited staff and safety protocols.
- As social distancing restrictions have eased, the Adopt-a-Drop program of WFS evaluations and operator trainings were conducted in small mini-workshops to limit the spread of Covid.
- The fruit tree farming economic development program is continuing but new plantings of transplants are limited due to transportation costs.
- We await additional funds which will allow installation of a second WFS in the village of Las Palmas. It will provide clean water for 180 people.
- Due to your generous support of our WFS program, we are proud to report that our adopted villages have had zero cases of Covid!



To learn how you can be involved in a life-changing trip with Adopt-a-Village International in 2022, please visit our website at www.adoptavillageinternational.org.

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