

The Ann Campana Judge Foundation: Winter 2012 Newsletter

2011 was a very good year for the ACJ Foundation! Let me count the ways...

- 1) Volunteer webmaster Jeanine McGann totally redesigned our WWW site (www.acjfoundation.org). What's different? We have pictures on the homepage that rotate with each page view. It is easier to read. Click on 'Financials' and our IRS 990-EZ forms (2007 through 2010) will appear so you can see where *your* money has gone. Our 2011 990-EZ forms will be posted by 15 May 2012. The ACJF was not required to submit these forms prior to 2007.
- 2) Project reports added in 2011: Living Water International (\$12,000; well rehab in Nicaragua); Agua Para La Vida (\$12,544; water supply, sanitation in Nicaragua). Coming soon: Texas Water Mission (\$15,000; well drilling in Honduras). TWM is a first-time ACJF recipient with a permanent presence in the *departamento* (state) of El Paraíso. An APLV project (\$15,457; Nicaragua) is in progress.
- 3) The ACJF is realizing a long-time dream: that of undertaking our own projects. In late 2010 we completed a small drinking water project in Brisas de Rio Cuyamel, Honduras [<http://is.gd/BKQhmy>]. In August 2011 I visited that village of about 120 persons where I was the guest of honor at a celebration [<http://is.gd/ox6c20>]. The project's cost was about \$9,000. *Amigos* Rolando López and Alex Uriel del Cid helped make the project possible.
- 4) In 2012 we are undertaking a larger village water project (c. \$22,000) in Las Mejias, a village of about 310 persons and 45 *casas* in the Sierra de Omoa that runs along the northwest coast of Honduras. I worked in this area during 2001-2005. It looks like SANAA, the Honduran government agency responsible for rural water supply and sanitation, will donate 3 kilometers (almost 2 miles) of pipe. Again, Alex and Rolando are keys to making this possible.
- 5) In 2011 we received \$24,170 in donations; non-project expenses were \$412 (<2% of donations). Total donations since 2002 are \$276,000. We self-fund our travel and officers are volunteers. There is no paid staff. We have \$42,000 in the bank. Why so much? We anticipated funding our own projects in 2012 and have saved for that; we expect to receive a proposal for the remainder.
- 6) The Foundation is involved in an exciting new project with friend and National Ground Water Association colleague Steve Schneider, who does hydrophilanthropic work in Mexico drilling wells. Steve has produced a much-needed publication, *Water Supply Well Guidelines for Use in Developing Countries* [<http://is.gd/y20sSP>]. His self-funded work has drawn raves and will be translated into Mandarin and Spanish; other languages are likely. The ACJF is supporting his work (\$500) and acting as an agent for donations (\$2,550 of the \$42,000 alluded to in (5) are committed to that project).
- 7) We accept proposals by invitation only and now consider projects only in El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Nicaragua, and Honduras. In reality, we are gravitating towards the latter two. Why? We are learning the landscape, people, and the groups doing good work. We have trusted contacts. We can see *in person* that your donations are well spent. Thank you for your support!