

EWD-DENVER CHAPTER MEETING

November 13, 2007

INTRODUCTIONS

PROJECT UPDATES:

Bolivia:

Jim Gusek (Jim_Gusek@golder.com)

Educational Outreach for best management practices for mine pollution

The project has teamed with Terra resource Development International for production and translation (to Spanish) of the PowerPoint presentation. The presentation will answer 4 questions at a 6th grade level: Why is the water so red?, Why is it so Bitter?, Why should I care?, What can I do about it?

Togo, Africa:

Chris Fahlin (FahlinCJ@cdm.com)

The community of ~600 has 8 hand dug wells which dry up in the dry season and there is no wastewater system.

The spring 2007 site assessment trip evaluated project needs. Following the trip a proposed development plan was submitted to the community and they chose which projects would be a priority. The community has chosen sanitation as the highest priority. EWB-Denver will travel in February 2008 for an implementation project. Using EcoSand technology the team will build 1 or 2 composting toilet systems.

EWB WORKSHOPS:

Chris Fahlin (FahlinCJ@cdm.com)

Chris Fahlin attended each of the EWB Regional Workshops

- Chicago Great Lakes Regional Workshop
- East Coast Regional Workshop
- West Coast Regional Workshop
 - 220 people, US congressman gave the keynote address
- Mtn Regional workshop

EWB has grown 50% each year and currently affects 600,000 people worldwide. In 5 years EWB-USA hopes to be affecting 5 million people worldwide.

Next international workshop, March 2008 at the University of Washington

Malingua Pamba:

Debbie Hathaway (debbie.hathaway@gmail.com)

3rd assessment trip has recently been completed. This assessment/implementation trip included mapping, id links between D-1 and D-2, upper watershed tour/assessment, water system updates from the community, environmental education of school children, protective box around D-2 spring, prototype pressure break/sediment control tank to D-2 line, installed 40mm line from pressure break tank to MP pila and several houses, extended D-2 line to colegio and shower, and fixed the school shower, inflow and outflow.

Brad gave a summarization of the construction of the pressure break tank prototype.

Water quality tests were taken and had a few hits (coliform bacteria) but with follow up tests it was decided that the water quality is not currently a concern.

Future goals include rehabilitation of the drinking water system, complete design for Sorochupa irrigation system, assist with the implementation of Sorochupa irrigation system, continued water supply and watershed assessment, and continued environmental education and training efforts. It is desired to support the community in related areas such as; better waste management practices, encourage shift towards organic agricultural methods, and education regarding soil/water conservation.

A major challenge for the project is maintaining momentum with an organization of volunteers.

Debbie presented the project at the AWRA conference on Nov 11, 2007 and has prepared a poster for anyone to use if they need for future conferences.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Accounts	Balance
Togo	\$3400
General	\$600
Ecuador	\$0 (after Oct/Nov trip expenses)

FUNDRAISING:

Jen Cook (jencewb@gmail.com)

Holiday card:

The Denver Chapter sold more then 650 cards, a total of 1350 cards were sold

A fundraising committee is getting started for the chapter which will focus on grants, outreach, and promotional events. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Jen Cook.