In 2009 BPD partnered with hundreds of rural Guatemalan families and the municipal governments of San Martin Jilotepeque and Patzun to improve the health and well-being of residents of rural communities. BPD was able to provide significant funding for these projects as a result of the generous contributions of its donors. Of particular note in 2009 was a generous “challenge grant” from a family foundation connected to Guatemala through adoption that provided $50,000 as a match for funding contributed by other donors.

Women living in eight villages no longer have to spend hours each day hauling water since they now have running water at pilas outside their homes.

Bringing Water to Homes in Rural Villages

In 2009, the water project serving the villages of Chipila, Chiuleu and Santa Teresa was finally completed thanks to a $10,000 gift from a family foundation. This project was funded primarily by Guatemalan and US Rotary Clubs but the initial funding was insufficient when it was determined that it would be necessary to drill significantly deeper than

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Dear Friends and Partners of BPD,

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes the promise of change and new growth. With this issue of the newsletter we’re pleased to announce a number of exciting changes—our 2010 version of new growth.

First, you may notice a new look to the newsletter—changes designed to refresh and make the newsletter more readable. Second, we’re very excited to announce the hiring of Paco Enriquez as ABPD’s (Association BPD) Executive Director. You can read more about him on page 6 and I expect you’ll agree that he’s a great fit for our organization.

Third, ABPD moved to a new office late last year, providing staff with more reliable internet access, more functional work space, more secure parking for the two pick-ups, and a more convenient location in Chimaltenango.

And fourth, we have a new ambitious list of community development projects planned for 2010. Priorities include completion of the full complement of basic infrastructure projects for healthy homes projects (gray water filters, vented latrines, improved stoves) in communities in which BPD previously supported the planning and construction of community water projects. In other communities we will work with residents and the municipal government to begin the process of planning and building water projects, gray water filters, latrines and stoves. In addition, BPD will continue to support programming for strong families (nutrition education, fortified meals, early childhood stimulation and family planning education and supplies), and complementary programming for sustainable communities (income-generating projects and family and community gardens) in numerous communities.

We welcome these changes and honor their roots in the history, experiences, and successes of ABPD and BPD.

With this issue of the newsletter we are also pleased to provide you with the 2009 BPD annual report. Despite a very challenging economy, you, our donors, made it possible to fund projects that are making a difference in the lives of residents of the following communities in San Martin Jilotepeque and Patzun:

- El Naranjito
- Patzocon
- Cruz Nueva
- Chuabajito
- Cambalcol
- Chuisac Varituc
- Chipila/Chiuleu/Santa Teresa
- Colonia Choatalun
- Pacoxpon
- Los Tunayes
- Chuiquel
- Pachimulin
- Chicoy Alto
- Mocolic Xot Alto
- Chuaquenun
- Zetzitzi
- LaPila

We appreciate your partnership in the process of change and new growth. Thanks for your generous support.

Narra Smith Cox
BPD Board President on behalf of the BPD board
originally planned. You can read more about this challenging project in our July 2009 newsletter, which is on our web site at www.behrhorst.org.

Working with local governments, residents and donors, we also brought water into the homes of 286 families living in the villages of Chichoy Alto, Mocolic Xot Alto, Chuaquenun, Patzocom and Naranjito. Funding for these five projects came from the Armstrong Family Foundation, Guatemalan Families Association, and several Rotary Clubs (most of which are located in Connecticut and other northeastern states) as well as matching funds from the challenge grant mentioned above.

Gray water filters are an integral part of any BPD water project. Because there are no sewer systems in these rural communities, families need a way to direct used, dirty water away from homes and outdoor patios so that standing water does not become a breeding ground for diseases caused by mosquitoes and bacteria. To address this potential health problem, BPD provided funding to help 385 families install gray water filters. These filters capture grease and soap with the cleaner water piped farther away to irrigate fruit trees, flowers or pastures.

**Constructing Safe, Vented Stoves**

BPD donors provided funding that allowed 330 families living in six villages to construct safe, vented stoves in their homes to replace dangerous open cooking fires. These stoves help greatly decrease the prevalence of respiratory illnesses that are common in rural Guatemala, especially in women and children. Because improved stoves enclose the fire and raise it off the ground they reduce the risks of children falling into open fires and suffering debilitating burns.

**Building Vented Latrines**

BPD donors made possible the funding of vented latrines for more than 350 families from six villages. These latrines help prevent gastrointestinal illnesses by safely disposing of fecal matter which can contain dangerous viruses, bacteria and parasites.

**Addressing Chronic Malnutrition**

In 2009, staff provided seeds and expertise to help 267 families plant nutritious vegetables in home gardens. Families will use the spinach, broccoli, celery, radishes, lettuce, and chard in their own meals and sell any excess produce to generate income. Communities with Strong Family Centers planted chia, a plant once native to the area and used by the ancient Mayans. The leaves are added to rice and soups and provide several important nutrients including calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, iron, niacin, and zinc. Fifty-one families started growing soybeans as an additional source of protein. Also, farmers grew and harvested 800 pounds of amaranth, a nutritious grain that was grown by the pre-Columbian Mayans.
Improving Nutrition for Women and Children

Thanks to support from Feed the Dream and gifts from other donors, ABPD has been able to develop Strong Family Centers to promote nutritional security for children under the age of six and women of reproductive age (15-49 years) in eight villages in rural Guatemala. In 2009, 245 women and 339 children attended the Centers. In addition to providing nutritious meals to the women and children three times a week, ABPD worked with the women to create nutritious recipes incorporating vegetables grown in family gardens. Staff also help the women learn marketable skills that will generate income for their families. ABPD staff provided women with family planning information and methods as spacing births improves the health of both mothers and their babies. The Centers also provide a way for children to socialize and participate in group activities which will help them be more successful when they attend school.
Providing Educational Opportunities

A grant from Naples Council on World Affairs assisted the village of Pachimulin to complete construction of two classrooms at the local school that serves more than 300 children. This funding supplemented funding provided by another NGO that began the construction project but did not have sufficient funding to finish. Thanks to the generosity of Carol Katz and Linda Davis community members in Chuiquel were able to construct a school where 425 students now attend classes.

In 2009, BPD celebrated the graduation of eight Behrhorst Scholarship students, the largest group to complete their studies. Greenwich World Hunger Foundation has generously provided funding for this program for several years.

Plans for 2010

Plans for 2010 include bringing water into the homes of 714 families and constructing gray water filters for each home, installing 1,368 latrines and 824 stoves. The 2009 BPD tour group donated funds to construct a school in Choabajito Alto and this school will be built in 2010. We hope to raise funds to construct a school in Zeatzan Bajo this year, too. Staff also plans to equip “Learning Corners” in the eight Strong Family Centers with toys and games that stimulate cognitive skills in young children. These projects and programs depend on the ongoing support of our generous donors. If you would like to help or want more information on a particular project, please contact BPD at 414-483-0728 or send an email to BehrhorstUS@yahoo.com.

Children spend time learning to socialize and play with other children at the Strong Family Centers.
“Paco” joins ABPD as Executive Director

After an international search the ABPD board is pleased to announce that Francisco Jose (“Paco”) Enriquez has been hired to serve as Executive Director of ABPD. Paco began his tenure with ABPD on February 1. He brings more than ten years of rural development experience to the position, including work as program coordinator or officer with both large and small non-governmental (NGO) organizations in Guatemala.

Paco is originally from Malaga, Spain, but has been working in Guatemala for ten years, most recently with Oxfam GB-Guatemala. In that position he was a national program coordinator responsible for a range of projects related to community infrastructure and capacity-building, food security, agriculture, reproductive health and income generation, as well as fundraising and donor relations. Prior to his position with Oxfam Paco worked for Ak’ Tenamit, a local Mayan NGO near the Caribbean, and the International Labor Organization.

Paco says he appreciates the opportunity to work for ABPD, an organization that is so respected in the villages and which is able to respond to the real needs of the communities. He’s excited by the opportunity to lead the organization as it makes an even bigger impact on people and communities. Paco has a Master’s degree in Natural Resource Management from the Ecology Research Institute and The Open University in Malaga and has also studied in Austria and Great Britain.

The ABPD board is very appreciative of the accomplishments of Manuel Somayoa who served as Interim Executive Director during 2009. Manuel’s accomplishments provide a firm foundation for ABPD as it moves forward supporting community development and addresses the needs of communities around San Martin Jilotepeque and Patzun in rural Guatemala.

2009 Financial Report

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2009 Expenditures

- Program: 81%
- Fundraising: 15%
- Administrative: 4%

2009 Income by Source

- Foundations: 45%
- Organizations: 44%
- Individuals: 11%

BPD donors are saying...

“I think the idea of self-sufficiency (for individuals, families and communities) is critical to making a lasting difference. There is a place for immediate aid, but in the long run it doesn’t do much to making families (and the country as a whole) more able to provide for themselves or for improving opportunities and quality of life through the generations. Behrhorst Partners for Development...has been working in the Highlands since 1962 and have done remarkable work...[Their programs are] the kind of work that makes a sustainable impact...—Stephanie Townsend
2009 Donors

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A dollar goes very far in Guatemala and BPD is truly grateful for all donations, large and small, received in 2009.
Community members are saying...

“I never thought I would ever have the opportunity of opening a tap at my home in my life. I thought that only people from town could have running water at their homes. Thank God, I had the privilege of having this opportunity and can stop hauling water and get a little rest even though it is in the last days of my life.” — Paula Xajpot, age 76, after refreshing her face with water from a tap outside her home in the village of Xetzitzi. After ushering these words Paula lit a candle as an expression of thanks for the water project.