

PROJECT



Project Ecuador

Annual report and Accounts

for the year ending 31 March 2013



Bringing the love of God to the young and old...

Charity registered in Scotland. Scottish Charity Number: SC041452

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Project Ecuador Scottish Charity

Registration Number

SC041452

Contact Address

Project Ecuador, Headcorn, Erbusaig, Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire IV40 8BB

Trustees

Rachel Mason

Karen Sibindi

Rachel Dillon

Maryon Gardiner

Management Committee

Rachel Mason - Treasurer

Karen Sibindi - Administrator

Rachel Dillon - Secretary

Maryon Gardiner - Correspondence secretary

Zoe Powell - Charity Assistant

Miriam Frampton - Charity Assistant

All personnel served for the entire year.

Independent Examiner:

Alison Davies CA

Bankers

Royal Bank of Scotland, Main Street, Kyle of Lochalsh IV40 8AB

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is bound by a constitution:

The objectives of the Charity are set out in the Constitution as set up in 2010 and which is recognized as a charity by the Inland Revenue. Trustees and committee members are appointed by invitation of existing Trustees and a copy of the Constitution can be obtained by request.

At present there are 4 Trustees and 5 committee members, which include the Trustees, plus Andy as the worker.

Andrea and her husband Vladimir, being the principle workers, undertake the day to day running of the Project and are answerable to the Trustees which is done by regular reports of the work being undertaken and by meetings via 'Skype' to discuss any issues that arise. The Committee also have Skype meetings at regular intervals to ensure that the progress of the work is properly maintained and that each member is coping with the area of work, finance, prayer-letter distribution, fundraising and so on allocated to them. Given the distances involved these meetings are arranged for at least 3 times a year as members are available. A committee member is also able to visit at least once a year and this year 2 committee members were able to visit the Project.

Objectives of the project are reviewed annually in one of the Skype meetings at which the committee member who has visited can give an additional personal view.

Andrea sends a bi-monthly letter to update the Trustees, committee and supporters.

Objectives and Activities.

Project Ecuador aims to show the love of Jesus practically to people living in poverty in Ecuador by:

- Investing resources in education
- Investing resources in housing
- Investing resources in healthcare provision
- Facilitating income generation projects amongst the poor
- Developing other projects of compassion which alleviate poverty and its effects in Ecuador.

Trustee's Report

Achievements and performance

Andrea (known as Andy), her husband Vladimir, and their children Tamara & Emily Portilla Gardiner live and work in Nuevos Horizontes, a village near Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas, Ecuador. Andy is a British GP, who has now been working among the poor in Ecuador since 2005. Andy and Vladimir together seek to show the love of God to the needy people around them through various projects.

Project Ecuador was formed and gained Charity status in May 2010. It was formed so that Andy could operate more efficiently in continuing her work in Ecuador. By becoming a charity it is hoped that Andy's work will gain more support and also reaps the benefits of the Gift Aid Scheme so providing even more to the people of Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas.

The objectives are met by the following activities:

Village Health Centre

Andy worked mornings this year in the local village health centre that she set up in 2007, with her Health Promoters. These are local women she has trained for this role. They provide high quality primary health care to poor people in their surrounding area. Two are currently employed by her and the others now offer independent help to their neighbours using the skills learnt. As well as helping local people with their general health the health centre receives many patients from town with leg ulcers.

Educational Sponsors

Andy & Vladimir administer the sponsoring of local children who need help to be able to afford to go to school. Individuals in the UK are linked to an Ecuadorian child and give approx. £100 per year. Schools have a strict uniform dress code and children must buy their own stationery etc. Termly school reports are sent. This year we have had an increase in sponsored children and there are now 86 children being sponsored.

Palliative Care



Linking with Orphaid's Charity personnel, Andy does home palliative care visits to help control the symptoms of people who have been sent home to die of cancer, AIDS and other terminal diseases.

Housing



Vladimir supervises the building of houses for poor local families living in squalor, using funds raised in the UK. Here is Juan and his mother who inscribed a thanks to Andy and Vlady and to God for their new house on the doorstep.

Andes Creations

Andy set up this craft project six years ago. It gives a regular income to ten families, who produce goods that are sold by volunteers in the UK. All proceeds go to the women who sew. This helps them feed and educate their families. Several of the girls had managed to complete their secondary education with the income and have started further education.

Treasurer's Report



This year Project Ecuador has...

- Sponsored 86 children and 1 diabetic adult.
- Built another house for a poor family and helped with a number of other families who are building for themselves.
- Attended an average of 200 patients a month in the village health centre and in particular patients with leg ulcers.
- Sold £2,846 of crafts made by the women's group
- Donated 300 Bible story books, skirts and shorts to children at Christmas in the local schools.

House Building

This year money raised has helped a mother and son have a new house. They lived in one room with an outside toilet that was simply planks over a hole. Other houses are being started.

Child Sponsorship

As a result of the sponsorship scheme 7 girls finished secondary school this year and are moving on to further education.

Some examples of children who are benefitting are:

Gabriela, who lives a 45 minute walk away from the nearest bus into town, which takes another half an hour. Her father is quadriplegic and unable to support his family. Gabriela wants to work in agriculture and has now started at university.

Mishel is a dedicated student who wants to be a lawyer working to defend the poor. She really appreciates the opportunity that having a sponsor has given her, enabling her to attend secondary school. She is now in her penultimate year.

For the start of this coming school year we have 86 children sponsored. For each one of them this is giving them a chance to work hard and climb out of poverty. We continue to support some of the schools with health education, medical attention, Christian teaching and books this coming year.

Healthcare

Andy has been working 3 mornings a week in the health centre this year, with the health promoters. Adriana, a dentist, helped with the schools work. Andy had a morning dedicated to palliative care with Nora, who has trained in palliative care nursing, as well as being a Health Promotor and another to the paperwork that she is required to do for the Ecuadorian government.

The health centre provides expert care at a low cost to those who really need the help. During the year Andy has helped many patients with Diabetic ulcers with great success. As their limbs no longer need amputation they are recommending her care to others. Cancer patients with a terminal prognosis appreciate her sympathetic care, giving them time. Along with a fellow missionary she reads the Bible and prays with them giving comfort to the families at a distressing time in their lives

Crafts

The women's group continues to use sewing machines this year. Now eight of the women have machines, and they put them to good use producing items for sale in the UK this Christmas, and also making presents for the sponsored children in Ecuador. The women bring what they have made once a fortnight, and are paid up front. This money enables them to feed and clothe their families and send their children to school.

Martha is deaf and dumb. She is the single mother of two school age girls. She sews expertly and has made patchwork bags. Through her invented sign language she has no trouble communicating her gratitude for the money that enables them to eat.

Tania's parents agreed to send her to secondary school as she has a chronic fungal problem with her hands which makes it difficult for her to cook and wash clothes, so they are worried she may never marry! She has now finished her final year and has a career option, sewing all this time to help support the cost of her studying. She does the beautiful ribbon embroidery seen on some of the crafts for sale.

Most of the craft sales have been through Maryon Gardiner (Correspondence Secretary) who also undertakes to publicise the Project through meetings and by taking stalls at public events. We are grateful to others who are supporters who from time to time take crafts to sell at churches and house groups or through personal contact.

Community

Vladimir and Andy continue to support the community where they live. This year they gave out 300 Bible stories, skirts and shorts to children in the local schools at Christmas. Vladimir also continues to take locally produced flowers to Quito, selling them for neighbours who cannot afford to take their flowers so far, and provide work for local people as he works on developing the farm/campsite.

Publicity

Vladimir and Andy and family had an eight week trip to the UK at the end of December 2012 to raise awareness and support for the work of Project Ecuador. Thank you to all who helped make their visit a success.

Financially

Financially the Charity has continued to receive regular generous donations from many individual supporters, as well as two Churches, from the UK and abroad. The sale of crafts has been successful this year with many new opportunities arising for where it can be sold. We are hoping that in the coming year more opportunities are found and we hope that Maryon Gardiner will be re-invited to the places we sold at in the past year. We are grateful for all the support that we have had in the year and thank you for the support.

I would like to thank Maryon Gardiner, for all her hard work in selling crafts, raising donations, raising awareness of the charity and inspiring those around her.

I would also like to thank Karen Sibindi for all her work in making known the Child Sponsorship in the UK, raising awareness of the charity and inspiring people to get involved.

I would like to thank Rachel Dillon for her hard work with the charity, her visits to the project and promotion of children's sponsorship scheme.

I would like to thank Miriam Frampton for taking on the role of Sponsorship co-ordinator together with help from Rachel Barker, in the expanding part of the charity.

Zoe Powell continues as Charity Assistant and has worked to promote the charity.

A big thank you to James & Sarah Gardiner who have created a website and facebook page for the charity.

Membership is open to all those who play or wish to play an active part in the charity. The procedure to apply for membership or to be a Trustee shall be by completing an application form, and applications considered at the next meeting of the executive committee. The executive committee shall review the membership list at every three years and inactive members shall be asked to review their status. Members must be 16 or over.

Thank you to everyone who has got involved during the year and helped to make this charity viable, making positive changes so many lives.

Managing Committee Report

The committee are indebted to the hard work put in by Andy and Vladimir in Ecuador and the difference that the work they are undertaking has made and we believe will continue to make. Also to each person either on the committee or just supporters who regularly give, correspond, sell, do administration or deal with finance that enables this Charity to continue with its stated objectives to affect for good the lives of those in Ecuador as they see the love of God at work in a very practical fashion in their lives. Without the dedicated team the charity would not be able to support Andy and Vladimir in the work they do. Relationships have also been built up between children and their sponsors enabling young people to then be in a position to take up university places. Some young people have kept in contact with their sponsor after leaving secondary school and are able to report that they continue to succeed with their education. More patients are arriving at the Health Centre as word gets spread that there is a doctor who can help when hospital doctors have recommended amputations for ulcerated limbs.

For several couples and some families, this year has seen a new start as they have been given or been helped with new houses which will keep them dry.

Access has now been gained to seven schools. Andy and her team have provided Christian literature, health care and screening, which included eyesight tests. This revealed that a number of children were in need of spectacles. In Ecuador it is thought that only the elderly would need to wear glasses, but the joy of being able to learn because they can now see has brought a smile to children's faces and an eagerness to do well in class.

Looking ahead

In 2013/14 Project Ecuador aims to:

- Continue to administer the sponsorship of 86 children in Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas area and to help them in their education and other needs.
- Continue to administer the sponsorship of Felicita to help in the management of her diabetes.
- Continue to facilitate the work of Andy in her voluntary work as a doctor in Nuevos Horizontes health centre, and home visits, in particular helping with the access to medicines and treatments needed by the very poorest in the area.
- Regular visits to seven village schools to provide health education, medical attention and Bible education.
- Further the skills of those working for the Nuevos Horizontes health centre.
- Raise funds for the construction of a simple block house for poor families, in the Nuevos Horizontes area this year, who cannot get government help and help with resourcing recycled materials for those who can do some things for themselves.
- Facilitate a new group of ten women/families making crafts in the Nuevos Horizontes area and assist in their sale, in order to teach them new skills and alleviate their poverty.
- Publicise the needs of the people in Ecuador here in the UK in order to raise funds and prayer support.
- Update regularly the website for the charity.
- Gather information to inform decision making for further expansion of existing and new projects in Ecuador for next year.

Andy will coordinate the work in Ecuador, sending regular updates to the trustees and producing a general newsletter every two to three months for wider distribution.

Please continue with your support and prayers as they are needed and gratefully received. We are hoping the 2013/14 will be an exciting year but we can only achieve this with your continued help.

Report of the Independent Examiner
Project Ecuador
Scottish Charity No: SCO41452

I report on the accounts of the charity for the financial year ended 31 March 2013 as set out on pages 12 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

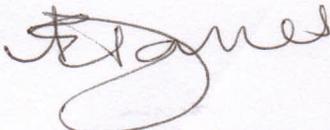
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met.
2. or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: ALISON DAVIS

Address: 15 CHELTONDALE ROAD, SOLIHULL, B91 1ST

Date: 31/10/13

Receipts and Payments
For the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013
Project Ecuador Scottish Charity SC041452

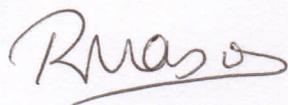
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total funds Last Period £
Receipts				
Regular Donations	9,422	0	9,422	9,004
Other Donations	6,905	1,476	8,381	11,006
Education Fund	0	7,851	7,851	7,534
Craft Fund	0	2,846	2,846	3,126
Health & Ministry Fund	0	5,289	5,289	6,707
Farm Fund	0	3,258	3,258	11,040
House Fund	0	3,061	3,061	2,693
Total Receipts	16,327	23,781	40,108	51,111
Payments				
Building Materials	2,454	9,198	11,652	8,292
Sewing Equipment	99	101	200	78
Sewing Products	0	1,514	1,514	2,798
Education Costs	629	267	896	1,088
Uniforms & Fees	0	2,518	2,518	3,388
Christmas Party	2,431	0	2,431	1,708
Christian Resources	67	95	162	260
Medical Costs	0	3,352	3,352	3,635
GP Expenses	7,057	2,365	9,422	9,323
General	904	585	1,489	465
Travel	0	4,870	4,870	1,637
Postage, Stationery & Computer	1,135	0	1,135	1,234
Payments subtotal	14,776	24,865	39,641	33,906
Purchases of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	4,826
Payments relating to assets subtotal	0	0	0	4,826
Net of payments/(receipts)	1,551	(1,084)	467	12,379
Transfer to/(from) funds				
Surplus/(deficit) for year	1,551	(1,084)	467	12,379

Statement of Balances
For the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013
Project Ecuador Scottish Charity SC041452

Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds Last Period £
Balance @ 1 April 2012	4,937	13,429	18,366	5,987
Surplus/(deficit) shown on Receipts and Payments account	1,551	(1,084)	467	12,379
Bank Balances at end of year	6,488	12,345	18,833	18,366
Total Monetary assets @31.03.13	6,488	12,345	18,833	18,366

Approved by the Trustees on 31.10.13

Name and signature



Rachel Mason

Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

For the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013

Project Ecuador Scottish Charity SC041452

Basis of Accounting

1. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.

Fund Accounting

2. Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors/funders or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

3. The Trustees neither received nor waived emoluments during the year. No travel costs were reimbursed to Trustees. No transactions were undertaken by the Charity in which a Trustee has or had a material interest.

Taxation

4. The Charity is exempt from tax provided that profits are applied for charitable purposes. No tax charges have arisen during the year.

General Expenses

5. The exchange rate used in preparing the accounts was the weighted average of the year.