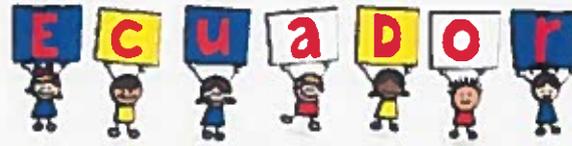


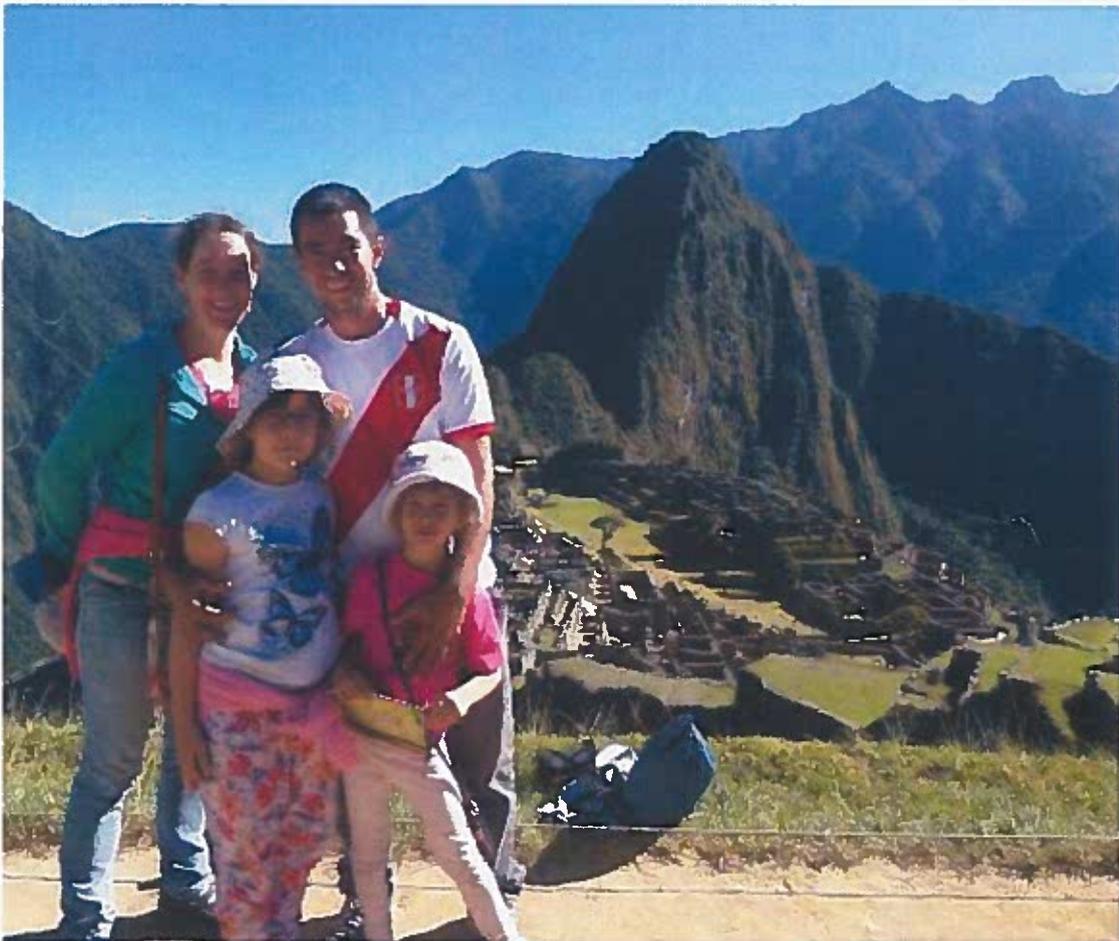
PROJECT



Project Ecuador

Annual report and Accounts

for the year ending 31 March 2016



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 & Registered Address

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

Trustees

Rachel Mason (Treasurer)

Karen Sibindi

Rachel Dillon (appointed 28 October 2015)

Maryon Gardiner

Miriam Frampton

Sarah Gardiner

Management Committee

Rachel Mason - Treasurer

Karen Sibindi - Administrator

Miriam Frampton - Secretary & Education

Maryon Gardiner - Correspondence secretary

Zoe Powell - Charity Assistant

Sarah Gardiner - Social media

Rachel Dillon

All personnel served for the entire year.

Resigned / Retired members

None

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 HMRC. 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 6 Trustees and 7 committee members, which include the Trustees, plus Andrea as the worker. Management of the charity is delegated by the Trustees to the Management Committee. Management Committee members are appointed by invitation from the Trustees as per the constitution.

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 2 times a year as members are available. A committee member is also able to visit the project at least once a year.

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 Julio Moreno, 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.

The objectives are met by the following activities:

Health Care

Andy trained health promoters in 2007 and opened a village health centre in Nuevos Horizontes. She continued to work 2 afternoons a week in the health centre until the end of December 2015. As the government has now opened health centres in the area, the number of patients attending dropped significantly. Hence, the decision was made to close the health centre and concentrate on health prevention. The health promoters continue to use their skills on an informal basis.

Now Andrea is promoting health in the local schools by providing hygiene supplies, spectacles, along with health and dental education.

Educational Sponsors and Schools Work

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. These funds are used to purchase school uniform and stationary. Sponsors receive bi-annual school reports from their child.

150 children were enabled to attend school through sponsorship this school year. Andrea is running events to help the children with health education,

Housing



Vladimir supervises the building of houses for poor local families living in squalor, using funds raised in the UK. This year he built 2 houses. One was for the Sosa family, who have 4 young boys. The other was for Lucho and his 3 young children. Both these families were turned out of their rented homes and had nowhere to go. We also provided doors and window protections for a family that were expecting a new baby, and were without security.

Andes Creations

Andy set up this craft project six years ago. It gives a regular income to families, who produce goods that are sold by volunteers in the UK. The group also sew gifts and bags given to the sponsored children and the Christmas appeal. All proceeds go to the women who sew. This helps them feed and educate their families. Several previous members of the group managed to complete their secondary education with the income, and have started further education.

Books

In previous years, Andy has written and published *Guinea Pig for Breakfast*, *Guinea Pig for Brunch* and the *Tamarita Rachel* series for children. This year she published *Deepen - A Christian Mother-Daughter journal*, as an extension of her work with girls. The aim is to help deepen the relationship between Mums and their teenage daughters, through questions, prayers, Bible studies, quizzes and prompts.

Treasurer's Report



This year Project Ecuador has...

- Sponsored 150 children and 1 diabetic adult.
- Built 2 houses for families in need.
- Attended patients in the village health centre until the end of December 2015
- Sold more than £1,700 of crafts made by the women's group
- Donated 300 Bible story books to children at the local schools and 150 to the sponsored children
- Donated books to local schools.
- Given Christmas gifts to 300 children.
- Supplied spectacles to about 50 children.
- Given hygiene kits to 400 children.
- Run a weekly club for 50 girls and run 2 camps.

House Building

This year money raised has been used in the completion of 2 houses. We have funds to build 2 more houses in the coming months.

Child Sponsorship & Children's work

One boy finished his final year of secondary education thanks to the sponsorship scheme. The sponsor of one girl went out to visit the family again.

This year, 10 children who did exceptionally well at school benefitted from a grant given by Project Ecuador to pay for extra-curricular activities in the school holidays, which included dancing, craft lessons and music lessons -

activities which they would not have been able to try otherwise. All found these experiences life changing.

For the start of this coming school year, there are over 160 sponsored children. This is giving each one of them a chance to work hard and climb out of poverty. We hope to be able to continue to support some of the schools with health education, medical attention, Christian teaching and books in the coming year. We also have a volunteer teaching English in one of the schools.

Healthcare

Andy worked in the health centre 2 afternoons a week until the end of December. She provided spectacles to approx. 30 children in the local primary schools and 20 sponsored children this year. She also gave out 300 hygiene bags in the local schools, along with fluoride preventative treatments and education on the prevention of Chikungunya Virus. The sponsored children also received these kits and education.

Crafts

The women's group continues to sew using machines and hand sewing. Maryon Gardiner (Correspondence Secretary) sells the goods at meetings and by taking stalls at public events. We are grateful to other supporters who from time to time take crafts to sell at churches and house groups or through personal contact.

The group also makes the gifts for the 300 schoolchildren at Christmas, and other items such as the schools bags and pencil cases for the sponsored children. This is a way of helping two groups of people at once!

A sewing machine was donated to one group member this year. Andy also teaches craft and baking skills to the girls in the club, encouraging them to make and sell things for themselves locally, and hence help themselves.

Girls Club

The girls club now has 50 regular members. Andy teaches the girls Christian truths, helps them think through issues relevant to their lives and development, and teaches them life skills such as crafts, cookery, lifesaving and first aid.

Community

Vladimir and Andy continue to support the community where they live. This year they were able to distribute a gift and Bible story book to every primary school child as well as gifts for all the sponsored children, which included some secondary age children. These are very often the only gifts they get at Christmas. This year she taught them the meaning of the wise men's gifts in her Christmas message. Vladimir also continues to take locally produced flowers to Quito, selling them for neighbours who cannot afford to take their flowers so far, and to provide work for local people as he works on developing the farm/campsite.

Campsite

This year Vladimir has done a lot of work on the campsite, bringing the swimming pool almost to completion and setting up the supports for the bridge across the river. Once ready, the campsite is to be a resource for local churches, youth groups, families and schools to use for their days out, retreats and camps.

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. One significant financial regular donation has ceased so there is a need going forward to find new opportunities to support Andy and her family. The sale of crafts has been successful this year with 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 as she is able to speak in churches, ladies and other meetings (both in churches and secular meetings). Using her own experiences from visiting the project she inspires her listeners in word and illustrations.

Thank you to Karen Sibindi for all her work in promoting the Child Sponsorship in the UK, raising awareness of the charity and inspiring people to get involved.

Thank you to Rachel Dillon for her hard work with the charity, her visits to the project and promotion of children's sponsorship scheme and her closer link with the Project since she is now also resident in Ecuador.

Thank you to Miriam Frampton for being the Sponsorship co-ordinator with help from Rachel Barker and Sarah Gardiner, an expanding part of the charity.

Thank you to Zoe Powell working to promote the charity and designing the cover for the new Journal, Deepen, and selling it for the charity on Etsy.

Thanks too to Sarah Gardiner for her work in raising awareness about the charity, especially in her local church.

Thank you to all who received Andy and Vladimir as speakers during their visit to the UK this year and for your generosity.

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.

Reserves Policy

It is our policy to hold reserves of a minimum of £1,000 which is to meet the fluctuations in payments and receipts and as a contingency. This policy has been agreed by the Trustees and is reviewed annually for its appropriateness.

At the year-end Project Ecuador held unrestricted cash funds of £6,704 and restricted cash funds of £22,705. The majority of the restricted funds are for £16,742 for education. This should be sufficient reserve to meet next year's expenditure.

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, whether on the committee or a supporter, who regularly gives, corresponds, sells, does administration or deals 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, made easier by social media and are able to report that they continue to succeed with their education. Many regularly give thanks to God for the opportunity they have been given. The decline in patients at the Health Centre (as the Government put in more basic health provision) has enabled Andrea to develop the health prevention work in the local primary schools.

For two families, this year has seen a new start as they have been given new houses, which will keep them safe and dry.

Access has continued in six schools, which has meant continued primary health care and screening, which including eyesight tests. More children have received spectacles paid for by the generosity of people in the UK. In Ecuador, people think 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. We are delighted that volunteers are welcome in these schools, where they can build friendships with the children while they teach English.

Approval statement and signature

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf.....

(Treasurer)

Review of Objectives 2015/16

Education

The charity continued to sponsor and support the 160 children in Santo Domingo de los Colorados and also managed to find sponsors for new children, whilst supporting the local schools administering health education, bible education and medical attention. The programme also continued to support Felicita with her health.

Health work

Attending patients in the health centre ceased during this year, but we continue to provide health education and prevention services and medicines for a few patients.

House building

The charity managed to build 2 houses with the money raised in the last financial year.

Crafts

New designs and new families helped this project.

Administration

The charity was promoted by the committee and during Andrea and Vladimir's trip to the UK, through meetings in churches, social media, newsletters, through fundraising events and the charity website.

Overall

The objectives for 15/16 were met and exceeded.

Looking ahead

In 2016/17 Project Ecuador aims to:

- Continue to administer the sponsorship of 160+ children in Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas area and to help them in their education and other needs.
- Do regular visits to six village schools to provide health education, medical attention and Bible education.
- Use funds from the Earthquake appeal to provide food for the victims, and then build some houses.
- Continue to build block houses for poor local families.
- Facilitate volunteers who are teaching local children and helping to build houses.
- Continue to run and develop the girls' club, with the aim of helping girls become and grow as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. This will include running camps.
- Continue to facilitate the group of women making crafts in the Nuevos Horizontes area and assist in their sale, in order to teach them new skills and alleviate their poverty.
- To bring the campsite to a stage where it can start to be used by groups this year.
- 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 that 2016/17 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 2016 as set out on pages 15 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's 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 2006 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 DAVIES

Address: 15 CHELTONDALE ROAD, SOLIHULL, B91 1ET

Date: 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

Receipts and Payments
For the year to 31 March 2016
Project Ecuador Scottish Charity SC041452

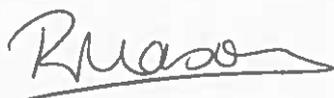
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total funds Last Period £
Receipts				
Regular Donations	13,627		13,627	12,633
Other Donations	22,383		22,383	17,155
Education Fund		19,176	19,176	14,991
Craft Fund		1,719	1,719	1,600
Health & Ministry Fund		5,375	5,375	4,955
Farm Fund		3,608	3,608	3,834
House Fund		5,325	5,325	9,476
Total Receipts	36,010	35,203	71,213	64,644
Payments				
Building Materials	12,974	8,288	21,262	30,815
Sewing Equipment	0	23	23	19
Sewing Products	0	1,565	1,565	1,392
Education Costs	2,375	12,947	15,322	10,539
Christmas Party	214	3,504	3,718	4,543
Christian Resources	9	0	9	304
Medical Costs	0	4,410	4,410	2,490
GB Resources	1,080	0	1,080	452
GP Expenses	13,759	1,036	14,795	8,591
General	212	296	508	1,539
Travel	3,156	0	3,156	7,924
Postage, Stationery & Computer	1,822	0	1,822	1,123
Payments subtotal	35,601	32,069	67,670	69,731
Purchases of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Payments relating to assets subtotal	0	0	0	0
Net of payments/(receipts)	409	3,134	3,543	(5,087)
Transfer to/(from) funds				
Surplus/(deficit) for year	409	3,134	3,543	(5,087)

Statement of Balances
For the year ended 31 March 2016
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Cash Funds	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds Last Period £
Balance @ 1 April 2015	6,295	19,571	25,866	30,953
Surplus/(deficit) shown on Receipts and Payments account	409	3,134	3,543	(5,087)
Bank Balances at end of year	6,704	22,705	29,409	25,866
Total Monetary assets @31.03.16	6,704	22,705	29,409	25,866

Bank Balances	£
General Account	5,431
Ecuador Account	<u>23,978</u>
	29,409

Approved by the Trustees on 15/09/16



Name and signature

Rachel Mason
Trustee

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2016
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.
6. General expenses relate to exchange differences and telephone costs.
7. No additional unusual activities were undertaken to meet the charities objectives.