



## Project Joya Grande, El Salvador

In 2010, ACCESO International initiated its first project in El Salvador by helping the community of Joya Grande to rebuild part of its community school located in the area of Lake Ilopango. The school had been destroyed during Hurricane Ida on November 8, 2009. This was a time of great need for many communities in El Salvador, since the devastation caused by the hurricane worsened the already deteriorated conditions of many vulnerable sectors of the population that were already struggling to meet even the most basic needs, particularly in the area of education.

ACCESO's help could not come at a better moment and with support from the Luke 4 Foundation, ACCESO reconstructed and replenished the school's cafeteria, kitchen and storage area, which had been heavily damaged by the hurricane. The reconstruction of the cafeteria was one of the biggest challenges and priorities for the school given that attending classes on an empty stomach is one of the most common realities that school children in El Salvador have to endure.

The cafeteria can now accommodate 40 students. The project has also created employment for two women from the community who work as cooks.

The project also enabled the school to acquire basic teaching materials including books, maps, paper and pencils; science lab equipment such as microscopes and thermometers; bookshelves and books for the library; as well as office equipment and computer hardware and software.

With our support, the community also hired a psychologist who provided group therapy for the students and families who had suffered traumatic experiences during Hurricane Ida. It is hoped that this help will strengthen the students' capacities to manage their post-traumatic symptoms so that they



can better focus on using their education to improve their community's well-being. In October 2010, a day of reflection on children's rights enabled the students to gain greater insight into their potential as world citizens.

In essence, this project provided the children, teachers and parents of Joya Grande with a greater sense of security, comfort and dignity. It uplifted, motivated and inspired teachers, children and parents and it enhanced the teaching capacity and improved the learning environment that will benefit thousands of students for decades to come. It helped bring great joy back to Joya Grande.

## 2010 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2010, ACCESO International operated in nine countries supporting various projects from pre-school to post-secondary education.

In **Bolivia**, we supported the library, homework centre, day care and post-secondary bursaries at Centro Integral WARMI in Cochabamba. We also sponsored human rights workshops on citizenship, gender equality and the environment for youth.

In **Canada**, we provided back-to-school supplies and shoes for over one hundred low-income refugee and immigrant children and youth in the Ottawa area.

In the **Dominican Republic**, we provided educational materials, bursaries, computer programs and libraries at six primary schools in Yamasá and San José de Ocoa. We supported pre-natal education for Haitian families in the Yamasá area. We also assisted three young adults with their post-secondary studies.

In **El Salvador**, we supported the post-hurricane reconstruction and replenishment of a primary school in Canton Joya Grande.

In **Guatemala**, we continued to support three pre-schools in the remote mountain Mayan villages of Sacala, Tioxya and Xenacojal.

In **Haiti**, we supported the post-earthquake reconstruction of primary schools, as well as the educational programming at a homework centre that offers literacy support to at-risk, impoverished and orphaned children and youth in the Verrettes area.

In **Honduras**, we provided supplies and bursaries for an orphanage, a daycare, women's and children's human rights workshops, a homework centre and a high school in El Progreso, for a primary school in Buen Ejemplo, and for a high school in La Lima. In Monte Verde and La Esperanza, we supported human rights workshops, skills training, bursaries and two residences for Lenca girls and women.

In **Nicaragua**, we sponsored human rights workshops for women and computer training programs for over 300 students, including physically challenged individuals, former sex trade workers and youth struggling with substance abuse, at Fundación Escuela Para Todos in Managua.

In **Peru**, we sponsored five female post-secondary students and provided educational materials for 20 preschools that we helped to reconstruct after the earthquake in Chíncha Alta.



*"It's nice to know there are people who dedicate their time and are fighting for me to be able to go to school. They should know their work and effort is worth it."*

(Honduran female workshop participant and bursary recipient)

*"I'm writing you now from my work email. I keep growing in my career, I love medicine. I just do one thing to return this favour you did for me, to be the best that I can be. I want to help ACCESO International someday and to give my message to others in need that the best thing a human being can do to help is just to educate. I have no words to describe how I feel. I hope one day to become someone who helps someone else in need."*

(Graduate in Medicine in the Dominican Republic)



*"I want to thank you for supporting me in my studies. I'm very happy to belong to this organization and without your help it would have been very difficult to keep studying. That's how I've been able to participate in this women's group that gives so much support to our community."*

(Honduran female workshop participant and bursary recipient)



*"I continue to be eternally grateful to you. I am so happy because I have my diploma in hand and I am working in Lima at a bilingual school. I am the psychologist for the entire school. Thanks for everything. I am also volunteering at a centre working with a team to improve methods for children's learning. It is a lot of work but helping others is really what I have always liked doing."*

(Female graduate from Peru)

*"Thanks ACCESO for being here with us giving us a hand to move forward."*

(Honduran female workshop participant and bursary recipient)



ACCESO INTERNATIONAL is an incorporated, not-for-profit, non-political, non-denominational and non-governmental Canadian charitable organization that is entirely volunteer-operated. It was founded in 1996 by Dr. Christine Gervais to promote greater access to all levels of education in Latin America and the Caribbean. ACCESO International functions non-hierarchically by focusing on equality, consensus building and collegiality among its volunteers, collaborators and beneficiaries. Its founding principles of solidarity, equality, human rights, peace and social justice enable our students, partners and supporters to collaborate in relevant, meaningful and successful ways.

## 2010 VOLUNTEER COLLECTIVE

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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of Acceso International

The accompanying summary financial statements of Acceso International, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2010 and the summary statement of operations for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, of Acceso International as at and for the year ended December 31, 2010.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated May 18, 2011.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of Acceso International. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Acceso International.

### Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in note 2.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

### Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Acceso International as at and for the year ended December 31, 2010 are a fair summary of those financial statements.

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

May 18, 2011

Ottawa, Canada

## ACCESO INTERNATIONAL

### Summary Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

	2010	2009
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 222,298	\$ 223,441
Amounts receivable	191	159
Prepaid expenses	278	250
	222,767	223,850
Investments	14,112	13,193
	<b>\$ 236,879</b>	<b>\$ 237,043</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,199	\$ 3,299
Deferred revenue	143,527	148,605
	146,726	151,904
Net assets:		
Endowment	10,000	10,000
Unrestricted	80,153	75,139
	90,153	85,139
	<b>\$ 236,879</b>	<b>\$ 237,043</b>

### Summary Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

	2010	2009
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Donation	\$ 127,804	\$ 79,373
Fundraising	34,976	36,680
Interest	995	660
	163,775	116,713
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Project and scholarships	133,718	109,625
Fundraising	18,202	11,086
Administration	6,841	6,395
	158,761	127,106
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,014</b>	<b>\$ (10,393)</b>

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.



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## ACCESO INTERNATIONAL

### Notes to Summary Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2010

#### 1. Mission:

ACCESO International is a non-governmental charitable organization that promotes and enables greater access to education in Latin America and the Caribbean by providing bursary assistance to individuals, as well as supplies and books to schools, libraries and education centres. It was founded in 1996, and was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act effective March 21, 2003.

#### 2. Summary financial statements:

The summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, as at and for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The preparation of these summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

These summarized financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

- whether information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited financial statements; and
- whether, in all material respects, the summary financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the statement of changes in net assets and cash flows do not provide additional useful information and as such have not included them as part of the summary financial statements.

The complete audited financial statements of the December 31, 2010 are available upon request by contacting the management of ACCESO International.

#### Treasurer's Discussion On Accountability And Authenticity

In 2010, ACCESO International's income before deferrals & endowments was \$144,632. As a reflection of ACCESO International's commitment to accountability and responsible charitable business, \$8,570 was raised by the founder, her family, volunteers and selected corporate sponsors to cover operational costs (e.g. administration, communications, fundraising) incurred during the 2010 fiscal year. This practice ensures that non-restricted received donations are allocated directly to our education projects. A complete version of our 2010 Audited Financial Statements is available upon request.