ORDINARY VOICES, EXTRAORDINARY CHOICES
The Cangrejal River borders the Pico Bonito National Park in Northern Honduras.

WHAT’S UNIQUE
Local approach, personal commitment, lasting impact.

OUR CORE PRINCIPLE
The active leadership and participation of local communities in conservation is not only socially just, but essential for the long-term health of our planet.
THE RESULTS OF YOUR SUPPORT!

Dear Friends and Supporters,

While growing up in Panama City, Panama, I often spent time in the countryside with my family. From a young age, I was exposed to the juxtaposition of the stunning natural wealth of rural Panama with the often-extreme economic poverty of the people who live there. I grew up seeing firsthand the negative impact that a lack of livelihood alternatives can have on the environment.

The smell of fields burning from the yearly clearing for slash-and-burn agriculture still brings back powerful memories. It reminds me of the tremendous admiration and respect I feel for rural people, who, despite being “poor,” often possess an unparalleled spirit of joy, generosity, resourcefulness, and a desire to find and implement their own solutions—if only with a little bit of help.

This shared respect has borne out in every project site I have seen throughout my more than 10 years with EcoLogic. This is why, for me, EcoLogic’s mission is not just a worthy cause, but is very much a part of who I am. With your support, we act on that core value by actively partnering with rural and indigenous people to sustain healthy ecosystems and foster communities that are resilient and thriving, so that, for example, they no longer burn their fields in order to feed their families.

While EcoLogic’s work in Mesoamerica can sometimes seem far away, we are all connected. We all share one planet. And as we are too often reminded, with the impacts of climate change posing ever-greater threats to all of us, that connection has never felt more important.

In this annual report, we want to introduce you to a few of those driven, inspiring rural people who make extraordinary choices every day. People like Julia Ocampo, whose tireless organizing with other members of her local water committee helped families in the village of El Nance, Honduras, have access to clean running water for the first time. Or Leslie Colón, a fisherman and father of five young children in Barranco, Belize, who is excited to start sustainable fish farming, which will keep food on the table while reducing pressure on the fisheries in beautiful Amatique Bay. Thanks to you, EcoLogic was able to provide these individuals and their communities some of the tools, knowledge, and resources they need to build better futures for their families, their communities, and the landscapes in which they live. We know that these local actions and solutions add up to global impact.

With your support, in 2014 EcoLogic carried our characteristic deep empathy and respect to not only Julia and Leslie, but to many others in more communities than ever before. As I reflect on the year that has passed, I look forward to sharing many more stories of hope and success with you, and to making that shared future we all dream of a reality.

Thank you,

Barbara Vallarino
Executive Director
HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR WORK IN 2014

EcoLogic Invited to Join Mesoamerica 2020 Initiative

In June 2014, EcoLogic was invited to participate in Mesoamerica 2020, a conservation initiative pioneered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Organization of American States. Mesoamerica 2020 was launched to work with key stakeholders in Central America and Mexico to address the human dimensions of conservation, as well as to strengthen the capacity of local people and institutions to be stewards of the land and secure a sustainable future for the area. EcoLogic was honored to be able to share our perspectives from our 21-year history of working directly with local people in Mesoamerica to help advance this landmark initiative.

Lessons From EcoLogic’s Pioneering Landscape Conservation in Honduras Published

“Bridging the Gap from the Local to the Landscape in Northern Honduras,” a paper by EcoLogic’s Dave Kramer and Barbara Vallarino with program fellow Brian Lunardi, was published in December 2014 by Landscapes for People, Food, and Nature. The paper explores key learnings from EcoLogic’s ongoing process of scaling up our empowerment and conservation work in northern Honduras from working community by community to taking a more regional approach. Read the paper online at ecologic.org/bridgingthegap.

GUATEMALA

Technical Training Helps EcoLogic Protect Local Watersheds

For several months of 2014, EcoLogic’s field technicians and community leaders in Guatemala were trained by Patricia Alvarado of the International Union for Conservation of Nature in several proven methodologies for effective conservation of microwatersheds, including PIL (“Power, Interest, and Legitimacy”) and CRiSTAL (“Community-based Risk Screening Tool for Adaptation and Livelihoods,”) which assesses vulnerability to climate change and other threats. The goal of the trainings was to enhance

In 2014, EcoLogic and our partners
Planted 140,685 trees
Cultivated 256,245 seedlings in greenhouses
Built 545 fuel-efficient stoves
EcoLogic’s effectiveness in protecting clean water across Guatemala for the sake of rural communities and the ecosystems they live in. Our team piloted the new methodology in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. Looking forward, we plan to translate this technical expertise to our watershed conservation work in all of our Guatemalan project sites and beyond.

**Much Buzz About Beekeeping in Guatemala**

In 2013, EcoLogic partnered with Heifer International to bring beekeeping to 100 families in the communities we serve in Ixcán, Guatemala. As a result of this initiative, EcoLogic formed linkages with the Integral Production Beekeepers’ Cooperative of the Southwest in Guatemala (COPIASURO is its Spanish acronym), an award-winning cooperative of fair-trade honey producers. In March 2014, EcoLogic’s Guatemalan technical staff was invited to discuss the possibility of partnering with the organization, which would allow COPIASURO’s international resources and market opportunities to support the communities we work with in Ixcán. The connections made in 2014 helped EcoLogic and COPIASURO move toward establishing an official partnership, which was finalized in 2015! Currently, 185 families in Ixcán have beehives, with more than 600 hives between them. According to COPIASURO, that’s enough for those families to produce about 38,000 pounds—or 19 tons—of honey each year. As members of COPIASURO, they will be guaranteed a fair-trade minimum price for their honey, which is currently set at slightly more than a dollar a pound.

**48 Cantones Recognized in Documentary Film**

In June 2014, former EcoLogic intern Julian Moll-Rocek premiered *Los 48 Cantones*, a short documentary film that explores the history of the 48 Cantones of Totonicapán, EcoLogic’s local partner on our Forest of the Water Spirit project in Totonicapán, Guatemala. The 48 Cantones, an indigenous government body that pre-dates the Spanish colonization of the Americas, is comprised of elected representatives from 48 self-governed “cantons”—a vibrant and dynamic system that the Maya K’iche of Totonicapán have developed to govern their communities over the course of 800 years. In the United States, EcoLogic celebrated the release of Julian’s film with a screening and reception in Cambridge.

**In 2014, EcoLogic and our partners**

**Held**

**112 workshops & exchanges**
HONDURAS

“Communities Organizing for Watersheds” Wins National Energy Globe Award in Honduras

EcoLogic’s Communities Organizing for Watersheds project in northern Honduras was selected as the Energy Globe winner for Honduras in the national award category. With more than 160 nations participating and 1,000 project entries annually, the Energy Globe Award distinguishes projects with a focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation of our natural resources, or counteracting climate change. EcoLogic and our local partner, the Association of Water Committees of Pico Bonito National Park’s Southern Sector, have been collaborating on reforestation and water conservation efforts in the Pico Bonito region of Honduras for more than 10 years.

Sustainable School Gardens Fight Food Insecurity

In 2014, EcoLogic and our local partner, the Municipalities of Central Atlántida Department (MAMUCA), initiated a new project focusing on helping community members cultivate home and school vegetable gardens. We have begun coordinating with school districts in each MAMUCA community, and broke ground on four new gardens in 2014. Supporting community members in growing their own food

In 2014, EcoLogic and our partners

Established
44 hectares of agroforestry

Supported
122 EcoLogic-trained forest guardians, who patrolled & protected Mesoamerican forests

Supported
130 local water councils
will fill a critical need in the area, as only 36% of the food consumed in the communities where EcoLogic and MAMUCA work is produced locally.

**MEXICO**

Empowering Maya Communities to Build Home-Grown Solutions in Chiapas

With support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, EcoLogic hosted trainings and workshops in the three Maya communities in the Sierra Cojolita that were focused on building the skills needed to identify barriers to conservation, design strategies to address those barriers, and resolve boundary disputes using mapping technology. The communities of Lacanjá and Frontera Corozal established an agreement in 2014 to collaborate on mapping the boundaries of their two territories within the Sierra Cojolita. In Frontera Corozal, the local government accepted a proposal from EcoLogic workshop participants to develop a land-use management plan, and local cattle ranchers are requesting support from EcoLogic to expand their adoption of silvopasture—the practice of combining forestry and grazing land for animals.

Harnessing Community Power to Monitor Carbon Emissions for Climate Programs

In 2014, with the support of the Governors’ Climate and Forest Fund, EcoLogic continued to coordinate a network of academics, local governments, NGOs, and rural communities in the states of Chiapas and Campeche to create a system that monitors forest carbon and will potentially link with Mexico’s monitoring, reporting, and verification system to track national carbon emissions. By designing carbon-monitoring systems that are adapted to local conditions and conducted with the help of community brigades, we are helping to nurture local peoples’ ownership and understanding of how their ecosystems can contribute to climate change mitigation.

Making Progress Tree by Tree in Oaxaca

At EcoLogic’s newest project site in the Chinantla region of Oaxaca, Mexico, we finalized a five-year plan in 2014. Working with our local partner, the Regional Environmental Collaborative for the Chinantla Region of Oaxaca (FARCO), we made great strides on beginning project activities. In 2014, EcoLogic and FARCO built a nursery to support reforestation, which will soon be home to 120,000 seedlings, and constructed 40 stoves. We also began working with a local school to help farmers learn agroforestry techniques, train “forest guardians” to protect standing forest, and teach children and youth about conservation and sustainable agriculture.

**BINATIONAL**

The Cross-Border Alliance for Healthy Fisheries Crossed a Bold New Border

In July 2014, we organized a learning exchange for our bi-national Cross-Border Alliance for Healthy Fisheries project. We brought fisherfolk from our project area—in the lower Sarstún River Basin on both sides of the border between Guatemala and Belize—to Quintana Roo, Mexico. There, the fisherfolk worked with successful Mexican grassroots fishing cooperatives to learn new ways to care for fragile coastal zones, water, and forests. EcoLogic’s Bi-National Program Coordinator, Cleopatra Méndez, reported that the participants (one third of whom were women!) were “full of hope” and eager to establish community-managed fish refuges in their home communities. This model of indigenous people becoming independent leaders in conservation is the heart of EcoLogic’s vision and mission.

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**In 2014, EcoLogic and our partners**

**Collaborated with**

239 rural communities

**Established**

20,256 hectares of microwatersheds under community management

**Trained**

2,501 people, 932 were women
Rony Rolando Herrera Coc
Agroforestry Promoter and Beekeeper
Santa María Dolores, Quiché, Guatemala

RONY HERRERA has never been afraid to dream big. “Thirty years from now, I hope that our children will never have to cut down a tree from the forest again,” he proclaims. “Everyone in the community will grow *inga* trees with their crops, and their land will provide all the wood they need to cook their food and build their homes. The soil will be fertile, harvests will be plentiful, and everyone will have clean water.” Rony wholeheartedly believes that, in 30 years’ time, this will happen. He considers himself an optimist, but thinks his dream is a realistic one. “Thanks to all the support EcoLogic has given to get us to where we are already, if we keep working, I know my dream will come true,” he says.

Rony Rolando Herrera Coc plants an *inga* seedling in a new agroforestry plot.

Santa María Dolores, a farming village of about 400 families, is nestled at the feet of the Sierra Cuchumatanes mountains in the lowlands of Ixclán, Quiché, Guatemala.
Almost all of its residents are small-scale farmers who rely on their own crops of corn and beans for subsistence. Many people, including Rony, supplement their income by growing and selling cardamom. Rony, concerned about the declining quality of his soil and diminishing cardamom harvest, had heard that planting trees alongside his crops could help keep the soil rich with nitrogen. Someone told him that there was an organization hosting agroforestry workshops in Santa María Dolores. Intrigued, Rony went to a meeting, hoping to learn more.

There, he met EcoLogic field technician Elmer Urizar, who was running a workshop on the benefits of planting inga trees with crops using an agroforestry technique called alley-cropping. Rony felt like he had found exactly what he was looking for—not just to help his cardamom harvest, but to help his community. Seeing how much richer the inga trees made his soil after just a few months of tending them, he volunteered to start a demonstration plot where other members of the community could see alley-cropping in action. “By the sixth meeting I went to, I was asked to be a promotor,” Rony recalls with a grin. EcoLogic trains local leaders like Rony as promotores—literally, “promoters”—in many communities to help train and educate their fellow community members about the importance of conservation and how to adopt new tools and techniques like agroforestry. Rony, whose boundless energy and optimism make him seem younger than his 31 years, was a clear fit for the role. He works as one of four promotores in Santa María Dolores, and is responsible for organizing a group of about 40 people. “Everything EcoLogic teaches me, I turn around and teach to others,” he explains.

Rony’s motivation to work on these projects with EcoLogic—from the alley-cropping to the demonstration plot to, most recently, raising bees for honey in his backyard and encouraging others to do the same—stems from his hope to make Santa María Dolores a thriving, healthy home for the children he hopes to raise one day. “We have already come so far!” he says. He points out that there are already 70 farms in the village that have incorporated alley-cropping with inga on part of their land, and that 50 more people began planting inga in 2014. “Thirty years from now, it will be everyone,” Rony beams. “I know it will.”
COMMUNITIES ORGANIZING FOR WATERSHEDS

Julia Ocampo
Tireless Community Organizer
El Nance, Yoro, Honduras

“We didn’t have water,” remembers JULIA OCAMPO. After Hurricane Mitch devastated swaths of Honduras in 1998, the small but bustling village of El Nance, located just south of Pico Bonito National Park, saw much of its infrastructure decimated.

EcoLogic began working in the region in 1998 and helped local communities establish the Association of Water Committees of the Southern Sector of Pico Bonito National Park, or AJAASSPIB, in 2003. AJAASSPIB is an umbrella coalition that now represents 28 villages in the area, including El Nance.

Julia, a mother of two, has been secretary of her community’s local water committee since she helped establish the group about 15 years ago. Julia’s path to community organizing began at a young age: both of her parents were respected local leaders who helped organize people to improve education and infrastructure in the village. “My brothers and sisters and I were defined by their legacy,” she remembers. “We grew up knowing that we needed to do whatever we could, always, to help the community.” Driven by the values she had been raised with, in the years following Hurricane Mitch, Julia made clean water her cause.

Thanks to the water committee’s tireless organizing, and the funding and training provided by EcoLogic, “Every home in the community now has access to drinking water,”

EcoLogic’s community-powered projects in Honduras:

- Towns for Environmental Corridors and Communities: Atlántida
- Communities Organizing for Watersheds: Yoro
Julia beams. “Our homes have toilets and sinks. We’ve come such a long way.” The development of even such basic infrastructure is a monumental progression from the dire conditions villagers once faced. However, Julia is quick to point out that El Nance’s story can’t be celebrated as a success just yet. “Our water source is under threat,” she reflects, noting that continued deforestation and resulting erosion remain huge challenges to the health of the spring that supplies the village’s drinking water. Rebuilding infrastructure to make sure that the families of El Nance have access to water today is one fight; protecting the watershed long-term so future generations will have water as well is another, harder one altogether. But Julia is up for the challenge.

In 2014, Julia and the El Nance water committee began working to measure and map the boundaries of their microwatershed—the small section of a larger watershed that provides water resources for one small community. “Once we map out the borders, then we can manage it more effectively,” Julia explains. Having a microwatershed map is an essential step in obtaining legal recognition from the Honduran government, which will give the water committee jurisdiction to establish an official community management plan. Among the 28 AJAASSPIB communities, 9 have completed their mapping processes, and Julia hopes El Nance will be next.

EcoLogic is providing training and support to El Nance’s water committee to assist with the mapping process and, after that, the management plan. For EcoLogic, sustainably managing a microwatershed means providing resources to help communities like El Nance reforest degraded land in their microwatersheds in order to reverse damaging erosion and protect the health of the area’s brooks and springs. We also help build fuel-efficient stoves so that women—including Julia—can use less wood to cook for their families, which helps reduce pressure on the forest.

Julia explains that as she raised her two daughters, she tried to pass along the values of service and leadership just as her parents instilled those principles. Her elder daughter is now a teacher at the local elementary school, and the younger may soon follow in those footsteps. As they grow older, Julia still worries whether there will be enough water and natural resources for them and, eventually, their own children. “But thanks to the support that EcoLogic has given us,” she says, “I am confident we are taking the right steps so that there will be.”
CONSERVATION OF THE PAPALOAPAN RIVER WATERSHED IN LA CHINANTLA, OAXACA

Barbara Agüero Castro
Grandmother and Guardian of Nature
Loma San Bernabé, Oaxaca, Mexico

BARBARA AGÜERO has spent half of her life with the Cerro de Oro dam looming over her community. Before the dam began operating in May 1989, approximately 26,000 people were displaced from their homes and land on what had been, before that date, the banks of the Santo Domingo River. Since then, the Cerro de Oro—or “hill of gold”—has been an ever-present, enormous neighbor to Barbara, now 55, and her community of Loma San Bernabé, in the Chinantla region of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Loma de San Bernabé is a small village of subsistence farmers, home to just over 100 families. Barbara, like most of the other people who live in San Bernabé, is indigenous Chinanteca. Most of the people displaced for the Cerro de Oro were also Chinanteca, a population that, like many indigenous communities, has historically lacked political power in Mexico. The flooding and displacement caused by the dam shrunk the land that belonged to San Bernabé and forced people from many communities in the region into a smaller area than they had lived in before. This, in turn, placed added pressure on the area’s natural resources, and Barbara has seen the forests around her village shrink rapidly in her lifetime. “We have lost so much of the forest,” she observes. “We have so little land. We have almost nowhere to farm, and nowhere else to go.”

Barbara is exactly the kind of person EcoLogic sees as a frontline guardian of nature. We chose to establish our EcoLogic’s community-powered projects in Mexico:

CarbonPlus for Community-Led Rainforest Management: Chiapas

Conservation of the Papaloapan River Watershed: Oaxaca
newest community-driven conservation project in Oaxaca’s Chinantla region in 2013 after a rigorous assessment of the area’s combination of high biodiversity and community need. Along with a strong local partner, the Regional Environmental Fund of Chinantla (FARCO), we are working to protect Barbara’s home in the Papaloapan River watershed and the broader area, which contains the third largest forest in Mexico and serves as a hugely important water reservoir.

In 2014, we identified the first 20 volunteers to benefit from fuel-efficient cookstoves—a tool we have successfully used in many other communities in Central America and Mexico—in San Bernabé. Barbara was one of those volunteers.

Severiana Domínguez, EcoLogic’s field technician in the area and representative of FARCO, spoke about the fuel-efficient stoves at a town meeting in San Bernabé in early 2014. As Barbara recalls, “I heard her describe the stoves—how much less wood I would need to gather, and how it wouldn’t fill my home with smoke—and I knew I wanted one.” Before receiving her new stove, Barbara, like most women in San Bernabé, cooked over an open fire in her home. Barbara’s older son, his wife, and their infant daughter had recently moved in with Barbara and her husband in their small home.

A fiercely doting grandmother, she fretted about the baby’s health. “The smoke is terrible! It made my children so sick when they were growing up. And now I was worried about my baby granddaughter.” A new, clean-burning stove seemed like it could be a solution.

“I love the stove,” Barbara grins. Not only has it made the air in her home much cleaner, but as she says, “I can now cook eight tortillas at a time! Before I could only make four or five. When you have a hungry family, that makes a big difference!” The stoves also use far less fuel wood. According to Barbara, she can now cook a meal that would have used twenty logs with only four—which will help relieve pressure on the area’s remaining forest. In addition to the stoves, EcoLogic will work in San Bernabé and neighboring communities to reforest degraded land. We can’t reclaim the area that was lost to the dam, but we can work with our local partner and community leaders like Barbara to ensure that the remaining land is a healthy, thriving home for people and trees alike.

“I wish that every home in this community could have a stove,” Barbara reflects. “It has done so much good for my family. And they would help San Bernabé so much. They would improve our health, and the health of our land. The stoves that have been built already have made a difference.” EcoLogic is bringing more stoves to the people of San Bernabé. And with your support, we hope to soon make Barbara’s hope a reality.
CROSS-BORDER ALLIANCE FOR HEALTHY FISHERIES

Leslie Colón
Father and Sustainable Fisherman
Barranco, Belize

“When I was a little boy, there were so many fish in the bay,” Leslie Colón remembers, letting his eyes close as he cherishes the memory. “But now you can fish all day, and nothing. Nothing.”

Leslie was born and raised in Barranco, a small, tightly knit fishing village on the shores of the Amatique Bay in Belize. This village holds the honor of being the southernmost community in Belize, just north of Sarstoon-Temash National Park, which is separated from Guatemala by the meandering Sarstún River. Leslie, like most of the people who live in Barranco, is Garifuna—a people descended from the ancestors of West African slaves and indigenous Caribbean communities. Like most of the people in Barranco, Leslie is and always has been a fisherman.

EcoLogic’s community-powered project in Belize:

For our Cross-Border Alliance for Healthy Fisheries project, EcoLogic works on both sides of the border in Guatemala and Belize. The overall goal of our bi-national project is to help develop and put in place cooperative strategies to promote healthy fisheries and protect the coastal ecosystem.

A father of five young children, Leslie loves his family and his community. But as revenue from fishing has declined along with the fish in the bay, the remote town of Barranco...
faces an uncertain future. Families and young people have left to seek better fortunes in the small city of Punta Gorda, north along the coast—or even further away. He wants Barranco to thrive and be a place where his children will want to grow up and raise families of their own one day. “I can’t make them stay,” he laughs, ruefully. “But I want Barranco to be a place where they want to stay.”

In 2014, EcoLogic worked with Leslie to re-establish the Barranco Sustainable Fishing Cooperative, for which he now serves as president. Under Leslie’s leadership, the group of small-scale, artisanal fisherfolk is working with EcoLogic to establish a community-managed marine conservation area—where fishing would be limited—off the coast of Barranco in the Amatique Bay. Leslie sees the conservation area as one of the best options to preserve a thriving, long-term future for Barranco, and other fisherfolk in the community agree. “We are all singing the same song!” Leslie says with a chuckle. Even those who rely on fishing to support their families know that if they keep fishing in the bay without helping fish populations recover, their community will die with the fish. “We fisherfolk will manage the protected area, so we manage our future,” says Leslie. And that gives him hope.

EcoLogic is also supporting the cooperative in exploring ways to supplement incomes without relying on overfishing the Amatique Bay. One project Leslie feels enthusiastic about is small-scale and sustainable aquaculture, which would help Barranco keep fish at the center of its culture and cuisine while allowing wild fish in the bay to sustainably recover.

Leslie’s ambition and enthusiasm for ensuring Barranco’s bright future haven’t stopped at founding and managing the cooperative, already a full-time job in itself. He took a diving course in order to join the project’s monitoring team—a group of local people that is being trained to track the state of the fisheries around Barranco—because he is deeply interested in learning more about the ecosystem that sustains his family and his town. “I do a lot,” he admits with a smile. “But I love my community, and the work that I do. And I’ll do whatever it takes.”

“**We fisherfolk will manage the protected area, so we manage our future.**”

— Leslie Colón

A fisherman unloads his lobster catch during our binational project’s learning exchange in Quintana Roo, Mexico, in 2014.
FINANCIALS 2014

Summarized Statement of Activities for 2014 Fiscal Year

**SUPPORT & REVENUE**

- Grants, Contributions, and Royalties: $1,578,515
- In-Kind Donations: $39,443
- Contract Income: $295,799
- Interest and Other Income: $1,878
- Rental Income: $14,018
- Loss on investment in subsidiary: $(6,955)

**Total Support & Revenue**: $1,922,698

**EXPENSES**

- Program Services: $1,590,814
- Management & General: $149,184
- Fundraising: $321,753

**Total Expenses**: $2,061,751

**Change in Net Assets**: $(139,053)

**Net Assets – Beginning Of Year**: $1,215,014

**Net Assets – End Of Year**: $1,075,961

Statement of Financial Position at the End of The 2014 Fiscal Year

**ASSETS**

- **Current Assets**
  - Cash and Short-term Investments: $355,695
  - Pledges and Accounts Receivable: $563,592
  - Advances: $-
  - Loan receivable: $-
  - Prepaid Expenses: $11,593

**Total Current Assets**: $930,880

- **Other Assets**
  - Deposit: $6,033
  - Investment in Subsidiaries: $30,552
  - Pledges receivable, long-term: $119,048

**Total Other Assets**: $155,633

- **Fixed Assets**
  - Property & Equipment Less Depreciation: $28,201

**Total Assets**: $1,114,714

**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**

- **Current Liabilities**
  - Accrued Expenses: $38,753

**Total Current Liabilities**: $38,753

- **Net Assets**
  - Unrestricted: $424,697
  - Temporarily Restricted: $651,264

**Total Net Assets**: $1,075,961

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets**: $1,114,714

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Tree nurseries in Totonicapán, built by EcoLogic supported partner, the Forest Commission of the 48 Cantones.
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A FIRSTHAND PERSPECTIVE

Queridos Amigos y Socios,

After nearly 10 hours on the road and an all-too-brief night of rest, the glowing clock told me it was 6:00 in the morning. The first rays of sunlight had just begun to peek through the clouds to illuminate the early morning cold. The smell of a hearty country breakfast and a packed agenda for the busy day ahead coaxed me out of bed.

My first order of business was to run a training session on agroforestry in Santa María Tzejá, in Quiché, Guatemala, where we met with local farmers to continue demonstrations on how planting inga trees alongside their crops could help enrich the soil and improve their harvest.

We drove another hour to reach the village center, where we were greeted by a full room of community members, all on time for the training. After eight hours of presentations, demonstrations, and fielding questions, I was finally able to sit down and have a cup of coffee.

In the five years that I have been Regional Director of Programs at EcoLogic, I have seen firsthand many of the tangible ways that our work has benefited the environment and the local communities we work with. But my role has always involved two-way learning, at both a personal and organizational level.

In EcoLogic’s regional headquarters in the city of Xela… everything is busy and moves quickly. From my work in the field, I have gained a renewed appreciation for slowing down. … I believe deeply in EcoLogic’s commitment to empowering rural communities to organize their way out of poverty and environmental degradation—and how that work centers on the opportunity to exchange perspectives and, for me, to get back on what feels like the right track.

To work in rural Mesoamerica is to reach the heart of countries that have faced incredible challenges, but also possess a great blessing: their people! Interacting every day with people who are so full of hope and joy, even in the face of such immense challenges—such as diminishing harvests, lack of clean water, limited government support, and a rapidly changing climate, to name only a few—truly affords invaluable lessons in authenticity and humility.

Our team of regional program officers and field technicians has collectively invested countless hours of work in these communities. I know firsthand that this dedication—the long drives, the early mornings, and the willingness to wake up and do it again day after day—is what makes EcoLogic so effective. It is this dedication that has allowed us to learn so much from the people we work with, and in that process of listening and learning, has made us all the more able to meet their needs. The most important lesson I have taken away from my five years at EcoLogic so far is how absolutely necessary it is to come in with respect, empathy, and an open mind to understand people’s perspectives on life—and then join hands together and work for a better future for all of us, people and nature alike.

Saludos,

Gabriela González García
Regional Director of Programs
“EcoLogic provides local communities with tools, knowledge and access, yes—but more than that, it helps them envision success and build the confidence to stay committed for the long term. It’s a model that works. Central America is now part of our family’s lives for the long term, and we are proud to say that so is EcoLogic.”

— Lisa Leff, EcoLogic supporter since 2005