Thank you.

Thank you for showing up. Thank you for celebrating the small joys and big wins, finding creative ways to fundraise, advocating for the mission of Outreach, sharing our story, being a mighty voice for this important work and partnering with us to support local leaders and community-led groups who are developing lasting solutions to poverty-related issues.

We envision a world where communities are working together to overcome the challenges of chronic poverty and your partnership makes this vision a reality. Thank you! We are proud to present you with this partnership update so that you can get a glimpse of the good that your generosity makes possible in the country you choose to support.

Enclosed you will find a copy of your 2020 giving report which includes a summary of the contributions made towards your partnership throughout the year.

Finally, we’ve also enclosed a recognition gift as a token of our appreciation for your continued support! We hope that this gift finds a place where it can be proudly displayed and shared with those that made this possible.

2020 was a challenging year for all of us, but if anything, we’ve learned that together we can do hard things. Thank you for your continued partnership. Through grace and grit, we will continue to change the world together. From everyone in the Outreach family, thank you for your trust and support. You make so many good things possible!

We hope you enjoy this March 2021 edition of the Partnership Program Updates! If you need more resources to share with your group, please visit our website at outreach-international.org/resources. If you have specific questions about your giving report or just want to say “Hello!”, please contact Marsha Penrose at m.penrose@outreachmail.org.

Irrigation Celebration

Last February, we introduced you to a super-team of farmers in Bolivia called APROAVA, the Association of Agricultural Producers of Vacas. Formed in 2002 and made up of 8 Outreach-facilitated member groups, APROAVA ensures small farmers in the mountains of Vacas have access to quality seeds and other agricultural inputs through their low-interest loan program.

In the dry climate of Vacas, water is an agricultural input the farmers desperately need. The funding required to install irrigation systems, however, is outside the reach of individual farmers, even with the help of their loan program. True to their mission, APROAVA members have been working to find a solution to their irrigation problem since 2016.

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of its members, APROAVA’s proposal for irrigation equipment and training was approved by the Bolivian’s government’s Rural Alliance Project (PAR) in November 2018! Through PAR, the group would receive nearly $60,000 of funding for equipment, but they first had to come up with their own counterpart contributions of over $35,000 - no small feat for families whose average daily income is less than $10.
Getting Pumped

After 16 more months of preparation and fundraising, the APROAVA farmers received the first distribution of irrigation supplies in March 2020, including 68 fuel-powered water pumps (one for each family). As APROAVA member Don Amadeo said of distribution day, “it was like a party!” The second distribution took place in December 2020, with APROAVA accessing 68 mowers, 340 sprinklers, and over 35,000 meters of hosepipe - enough equipment to fill the floor of their local stadium!

After years of hoping, dreaming, and hard work, APROAVA farmers now have the equipment they need to properly irrigate their crops. Keep an eye out for our next update, when we get to share how their increased agricultural production and incomes are improving the lives of the farmers and their 580 family members!