

Lauren Butler's Financial Report
June 2012- September 2013

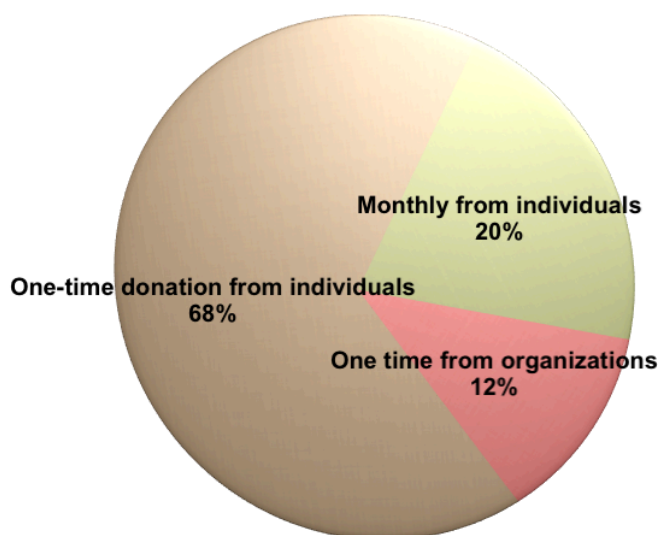
Ministry: Liaison between the non-profit Engineers In Action (EIA) and the Iglesia Evangélica Metodista en Bolivia (IEMB), to manage water supply projects in rural Bolivian communities. More information at www.laurenbutler.org.

Reporting period: This covers the first year of my service in Bolivia (October 2012-September 2013), as well as ministry-related expenses during the preparation and support-raising period (June-September 2012).

Summary: In these 16 months, I raised \$13,717 in donations to support this ministry. My total expenses were \$16,034, leaving a deficit of \$2316 that was spent from my savings and later replenished with funds raised in late 2013.

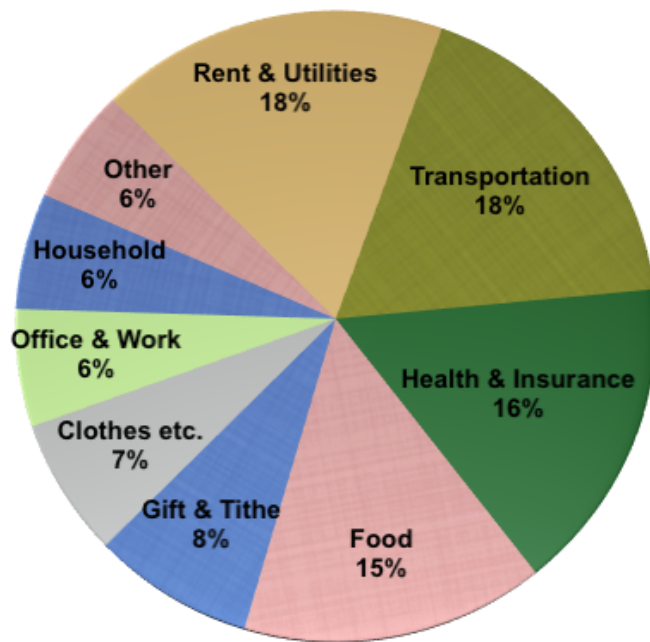
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| Income | \$13717 |
| Expenses | \$16034 |
| Net Income | (2316) |

Income: Almost all donations went through The Advance website of the United Methodist Church, minus \$167 that was raised through EIA. I had no other income during this time, other than \$5 in interest. The majority of donations were one-time donations from individuals in the United States.



Expenses: Throughout the year, I used online accounting software (waveaccounting.com) to record my expenses and compare to my budget. Most expenses were done in cash, and were made with constant awareness that my money is not my own- it is intended to enable me to serve. Some donors also gave nearly \$1000 with stipulations that it be used for enjoyable and refreshing activities. Therefore, I was able to have weekends away and take fun classes, for example, without using general donations for “non-necessities.” I try

to donate around 10% to my local church in Bolivia. I am not saving any money during this time period of service. All my expenses are summarized below.



Justification: To compare my expenditures with others in similar positions: EIA recommends that their interns raise \$5,000 for 6 months. The christian non-profit International Justice Mission (IJM) requires that their interns in La Paz raise at least \$13,000 for 10 months. Therefore, my expenses were more than EIA's estimation for their interns, but less than IJM interns' donation income per month, and much less than the monthly stipend given to official Methodist missionaries in Bolivia.

Donations towards my support have a multiplying impact; over the course of the first year, about \$40,000 has been contributed to my projects, with even more promised for the future. I advanced multiple projects to supply sufficient water, increase drinking water quality, and improve irrigation. There have been multiple moments that could justify all donations given, e.g. discovering that drinking water previously thought to be pure actually has high levels of contamination, or someone learning about Christ's love as a result of this work.

Going Forward: During my first year, there were start-up and transitional costs that will no longer apply. For the upcoming year, my projected budget is \$12,800, which includes one trip to the U.S. I'm happy to provide further details or explanation of any of the above information upon request at lauren.butler@engineersinaction.org.

I commit to continuing in full accountability and transparency, simple living and effective work. I'm thankful for each of my financial partners, and I consider it an honor to serve the Lord in this way.