

## June 2008 e-newsletter

### A Father's Dream Comes True



Raul Quiñonez was living in Tegucigalpa, the capital city of Honduras, with his wife Filomena and their three daughters. One day, Raul and Filomena visited the small mountainous community of La Hacienda Moropocay. They immediately felt they needed to move their family there to keep them safe from the rising risks and dangers in the city and to live off the land.

The first months were difficult for the family, because of the conditions in which they were living.

*“The bed and the kitchen were in the living room and everything was very disorganized. There were poor hygienic conditions and basic sanitation in general - the chickens would put their eggs in the same bed where we would sleep,”* Raul explained.

World Neighbors came to their community in August 2001 and began to change Raul and his family's way of life.

Raul and his family were one of the first families to participate in World Neighbors programs. Raul was eager to learn new ideas, so he attended all of the meetings and trainings. With his willingness to learn, Raul was quick to make his family's living situation better than before by making renovations to their house. He and Filomena improved their woodstove in their kitchen, which prevented smoke from filling their home. By using the new woodstove, the family was able to consume less firewood, thus conserving the surrounding forest, and Filomena's mother no longer suffered from asthma due to the smoke which had constantly been in their home.

With the assistance of World Neighbors, many positive changes have come to this small community, such as the construction of new woodstoves in other families' homes and an improved farming system which captures and uses rainwater and recycled water to increase the production of basic grains and vegetables.

Raul speaks of his experiences with World Neighbors as making an important change in their lives. *“To make the decision of living in this community has changed our way of life. Now, we have more food, family integration has improved, our families rarely become sick, we have more communication with our neighbors and we participate more in the management and execution of community projects.”*



World Neighbors has inspired Raul to make goals for himself and his family. He has been able to earn his third grade certification and his three daughters have completed primary school and are continuing on for more education. He wants to improve his property to serve as an example to others how education and hard work can yield results that improve their lives.

Raul summed up the long-lasting changes he and his community have experienced by saying, *“Before World Neighbors entered our community, everything was difficult for us. Until participating in the meetings, it was very difficult for us to make a good decision for our well-being. It seems that our minds and ears were closed.*

*Now, we are people with a futuristic vision. We are people and families with a spirit of overcoming and of service to continue motivating other neighbors about the necessity of changing our lives.”*

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## **Clif Bar Family Foundation announces On Your Behalf gift card program**

The Clif Bar Family Foundation introduces **On Your Behalf**, a unique gift card program that encourages charitable gift exchange and allows gift card recipients to make contributions to the organizations of their choice. To increase exposure and provide essential funding to grassroots organizations, On Your Behalf has partnered with World Neighbors and 22 other beneficiary groups.

### How it works:

Similar to other gift card programs, gift givers can purchase the On Your Behalf Gift Card on the Clif Bar Family Foundation Web site in any denomination. Once received, the gift card recipient can then donate the card's balance to World Neighbors or any of the On Your Behalf partner organizations. Click here to send your gift cards: <http://www.wn.org/site/c.coIELNOsGpF/b.4131023/>.

### About Clif Bar Family Foundation

Clif Bar Family Foundation is committed to promoting and inspiring positive change at the grassroots level. Established in 2006, the Clif Bar Family Foundation supports the foundational development and long-term growth of grassroots organizations through small grants, long-term partnerships and the On Your Behalf Gift Card Program.

Click here for more information about the Clif Bar Family Foundation: <http://www.wn.org/site/c.coIELNOsGpF/b.4131023/>.



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## **World Neighbors awarded \$400,000 grant from Hewlett Foundation**

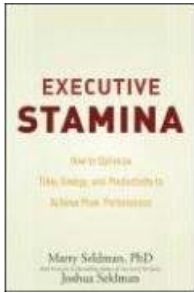
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation awarded World Neighbors \$400,000 over the next three years. This grant will lay the foundation for a long-term expansion of reproductive health and family planning services throughout our program areas in rural Africa.



This support will allow World Neighbors to:

- Adapt and expand proven reproductive health, family planning and HIV/AIDS programs to new areas in Africa.
- Fill in service and outreach gaps in existing program areas in Africa.
- Strengthen new and existing World Neighbors partners in Africa to continue the expansion of health service delivery and outreach.
- Help World Neighbors to sustain reproductive health, family planning and HIV/AIDS programs in Africa and around the globe.

## On the Shelf



Renowned executive coach Marty Seldman and endurance coach Joshua Seldman introduce you to the revolutionary training system they've used with great success on top executives and endurance athletes in their new book **Executive Stamina**.

You'll learn all the skills, techniques and positive practices needed to create a sustainable path to achieve your full career potential. You'll find hundreds of tips and tools that will help you maximize your career potential, while maintaining your health, staying in touch with your values, and avoiding costly tradeoffs in your personal life. World Neighbors is the only nonprofit featured in *Executive Stamina*.

### Editorial Review from Melanie Macdonald, President and CEO, World Neighbors

*"With its focus on work/life balance and health, Executive Stamina is a remarkable gift to senior staff leaders in both the private and not-for-profit sectors. This book is wise, practical, and clearly grounded in many years of hands-on experience with the real lives of executives. It should be compulsory reading for every manager who yearns to be successful, while also being content and healthy."*

Click here to learn more about the book: <http://www.executivestamina.org/>.

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## What you can do for just \$18

Recently the IRS began sending out tax rebate checks to an estimated 130 million American households as part of the \$168 billion dollar economic stimulus package.

Many of us already have big plans for this money and we know it comes at a time when many Americans are struggling to make ends meet due to rising gas and food prices. But, imagine the impact if we used just 5% of that money to provide permanent solutions to global poverty? The results would be staggering! Over 460 million people would never need to be hungry again. Your \$18 today will do that for one person – he or she would never be hungry again.



**Please donate today!**

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