

One Water Network, Bolivia

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Working to solve acute problems of water scarcity and contamination through education, art and the implementation of specific replicable ecological solutions to water management.

Lisa Shaw and Galen Fulford decided to augment the grant from The Funding Network before returning to Bolivia. Early in 2007 they had raised an additional US\$10,000 from the Threshold Foundation in the US, which has allowed them to expand their reach in the field.

The current projects in Bolivia have involved working in high altitude villages, bringing potable water, building composting toilets and tree planting. A typical example has been with the families of Julia and Santiago who are students from CENFOTEC, which is a school for ecological agriculture in Cochabamba. For this project, there were six students, two teachers and Lisa and Galen.

Lisa reports:

"It was exciting to share and learn together and we were able to bring potable water to both locations, where before they had no water at the houses. We dug a well and made a hand pump, and we brought water from a spring. We also built composting toilets (before they had no toilets), we planted 150 trees and we installed a simple drip irrigation system. The team then went to two more villages with connections to the students, to work for another ten days on similar projects."

One Water Network continues to work in Bolivia and Lisa and Galen will return to Findhorn in July. They will submit a formal report to The Funding Network after their return.