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## Fundraising Call: AguaClara Water Treatment Plant in Agalteca

Another year at Cornell has begun, and with it comes the start of many new projects and developments. In the newsletter you received in July, we mentioned plans to construct a new non-electric water treatment plant in Agalteca, Honduras, a rural community approximately 1.5 hours from Tegucigalpa. On September 30, 2009, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to commemorate the beginning of construction on the Agalteca plant.

As of today, approximately \$56,330 has been raised to fund the plant's building and operation. We appreciate your generosity – it makes taking on these endeavors possible. As the total cost of the project is \$66,330 we need \$10,000 to meet our goal! We find it helpful to visualize each \$10 increment as moving one brick closer to our target. We are still in need of 1,000 bricks. Your brick

can be the stepping stone that brings the members of the Agalteca community closer to affording clean and safe drinking water for the first time. How many bricks can you add to the plant?

Donations for Agalteca can be made by sending a check made out to The Resource Foundation. Write "AguaClara" in the memo field. Checks may be sent to:

> The Resource Foundation 237 West 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1203 New York, NY 10001

...or you may contribute directly at the AguaClara website:

https://confluence.cornell.edu/display/AGUACLARA/Donate

We look forward to bringing you more news of AguaClara's progress.



Agua Para el Pueblo staff and community members from Agalteca gather to lay cement and stones to symbolize the start of construction.



Sarah Long (an AguaClara engineer), Wilfredo Serrano, and Meliza Ordóñez review the designs for the Agalteca plant.

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