**SAN RAYMUNDO II, SALINAS, ECUADOR VILLAGE HYGIENE & SANITATION PROJECT**

San Raymundo II is a small village struggling to become a community. It began about five years ago when a small group of homeless people were given a plot of land with “right of possession” by the Salinas municipality. While these people will never own the land, they can own structures built on it.

The land is a drained swamp, situated in a once thriving oil field, now abandoned but for a couple of pumps still straining to produce. The village has laid out structured plots of land (more accurately dust) where one can build a bamboo structure to call home. It has NO services.

Yes, the residents are creative. They have strung up rudimentary street lights by hanging a light bulb atop a bamboo pole, using inside wiring. They cover the light bulb with a soda bottle to enhance brightness!

Recently,the municipality brought water to the community. Many residents have put in some form of sanitation…from digging a hole in the ground to a Posi-septic, a basic toilet.

Yet, in the heat of summer, this village stinks. The flies are in abundance and spread disease.

By supplying a Posi-Septic system to those families now digging a shallow hole or pooping in a bag, we will be creating a healthier more hygienic environment for all. The cost for each Posi-Septic :

$15 is the cost of plastic pipes and connections

$20 pays for sand to grout the small rocks creating the post-septic container and the cement blocks for the building to house the toilet.

$30 buys the rebar to create the structure of the system

$35 is the cost of enough cement to build a cover for the receptacle

$45 buys one toilet

$50 buys 200 cement blocks create housing for the toilet.

$80 pays for the labor

Total $275

We will be sending regular reports as the Posi-septics are built. On behalf of the struggling but proud community of San Raymundo, who work together to create a viable, safe village:

GRACIAS!