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# Living Waters for the World 2016 Annual Report

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# 2016 – Diverse People Sharing a Common Commitment



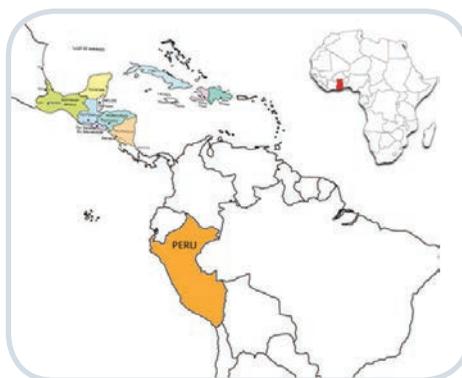
Dear Living Waters for the World Partners,

On behalf of the LWW Board of Directors and staff, I am pleased to present the 2016 annual report. In May I had the opportunity to travel with the team that conducted the audit of LWW's Cuban systems. This dedicated team visited 16 sites in a whirlwind five days. What you don't see in the audit results are the people whose dedication to serving their communities with clean water was beyond measure. Whether they produced pure water for one thousand or one hundred, whether the system was urban or rural, their commitment was clear and profound. And like our water teams and other volunteers, they were from all walks of life.

LWW's inclusion of diverse viewpoints, denominations, and cultures in all of our partnerships has always been, and will always be, a hallmark of our ministry. Clean Water U in particular exists as a place where people find common ground in their call to serve brothers and sisters in need. As the ministry continues to grow, I look forward to seeing our diversity grow as well.

I hope you enjoy this report, and remember, the statistics you see are the result of thousands of volunteer hours! Peace and blessings to you for the coming year.

Lynn Kszos  
President, LWW Board of Directors



## By the Numbers: Cuba Audit

- 16 systems audited
- 43 total LWW systems in Cuba
- 100% of audited systems were operational
- 730,800 gallons - the most produced by an audited system (installed 2012)
- 2009 - installation year of the first Cuba system

## Living Waters for the World International Networks

	Cuba
	Dominican Republic
	El Salvador
	Ghana
	Guatemala
	Haiti
	Honduras
	Nicaragua
	Peru
	Southeast Mexico
	Yucatan Mexico

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## Empowering Volunteers

102 students attended Clean Water U (CWU) sessions in 2016 including six international students from LWW's Networks. With the goal of freeing up philanthropic gifts to support other LWW programs, LWW initiated tiered pricing for CWU. New students were offered the option to self-select their tuition amount. 52% chose the subsidized rate of \$695, 17% the partially subsidized rate of \$995, and 31% the full cost of \$1,295. The same quality training was provided to all students. These tiered rates will remain in effect throughout 2017.

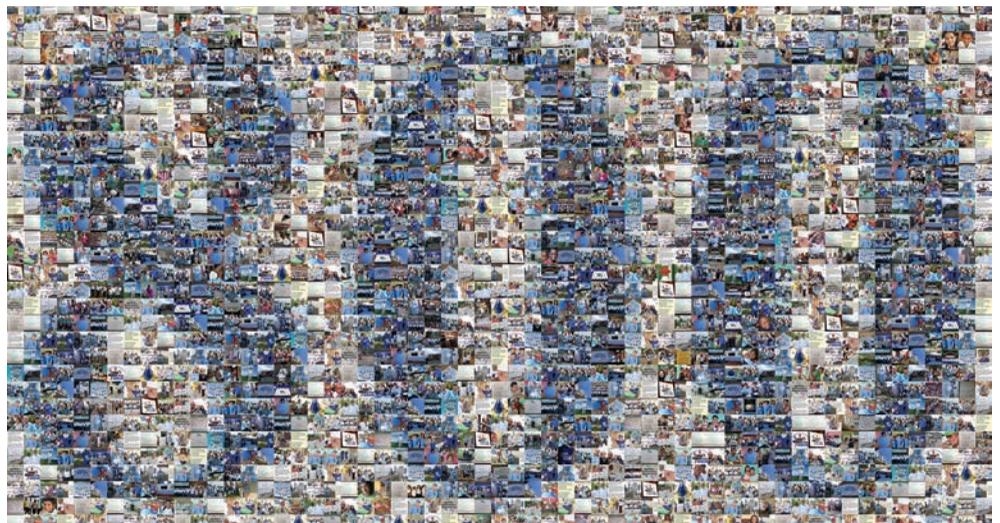


## Empowering Operating Partners

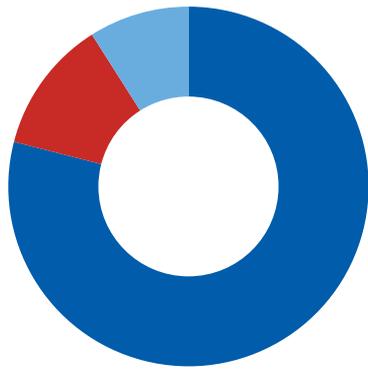
LWW international networks were active throughout 2016 delivering field support to Initiating Partners (water mission teams) and Operating Partners (water system operators and health educators). Networks hosted 11 Partner Conferences providing continuing education and support for Operating Partners. Approx. 370 partners attended, representing 190 communities. LWW's in-country contract staff also conducted 77 site assessments and 502 site follow-up visits, all aimed at supporting partners along their paths to sustainability.

## Sharing Clean Water for a Generation

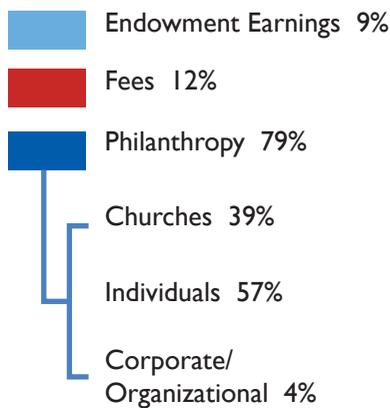
In 2016, we marked the installation of the 800th LWW water purification system. By the end of the year, the total number of systems equaled 837. The pace of new installations slowed in 2016 primarily as a result of LWW's shifting focus to long-term sustainability. This marked an important resetting of expectations that will have maximum impact on the communities served by an LWW water system.



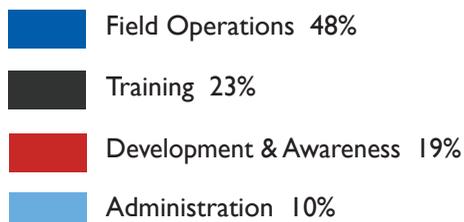
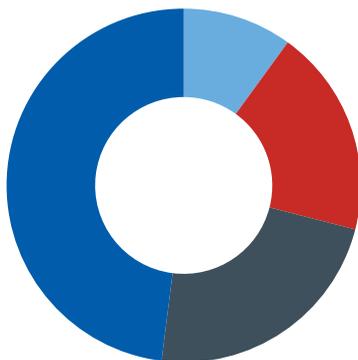
### Source of Funds 2016



Total Funds \$1,165,000



### Use of Funds 2016



(Left:) Obed, age 5 (Right:) Obed, age 14

## Clean Water for a Generation

Obed was five years old in 2007 when a Living Waters for the World purification system was installed in his community of Campeche, Mexico. He appeared to be a happy, healthy child, but actually, he often missed school and other activities due to chronic intestinal problems caused by contaminated water. His parents feared that it was affecting his growth and development. So when the LWW system made purified water available at a price they could afford, they were determined that Obed would have only pure water to drink.

In just a few months, they began to notice a remarkable improvement in his health. Since then, Obed has fully participated in school - every day - both in the classroom and on the playground! Above you see Obed as a five year old and a 14 year old, grown taller than his father and enjoying excellent health.

We often speak of the millions of children who die from contaminated water - the statistics are staggering. But what of the tens of millions of children who live with chronic illnesses that take a terrible toll on their developing bodies and brains, preventing them from realizing their God-given potential?

Obed might have been one of those compromised children, had he not had the purified water that has kept him healthy through these years.

Imagine a world where every child has this opportunity to grow into his or her full potential. Clean water for a generation - a laudable goal, giving the same chance at a healthy life to all God's children through sustainable clean-water systems. May it be so!

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