

2014-2015 AllPeopleBeHappy Fellows

Caitlyn Peake – Green Empowerment, Nicaragua



Caitlyn Peake, Green Empowerment’s Nicaragua Program Manager, manages the implementation of clean energy and water projects that have a direct impact on the lives of hundreds of Nicaraguans. Additionally, she plays a critical role in building the capacity of two grassroots Nicaraguan NGOs, from project development and management to technical training on improved cook stoves. Finally, she is the key staff member that organizes and runs Green Empowerment’s internship and service learning programs. By the end of 2014, the

use of new cook stoves, testing of new E coli water filters, and planning for the installation of latrines are well underway. In 2015, she will continue in developing and carrying out strategic plans with the two Nicaraguan partners in further strengthening the technical and programmatic capabilities of these organizations.

Norma Fenton – Amizade, Jamaica



Petersfield is a rural town in the southwestern part of Jamaica, and like many Jamaican towns, is dependent on a sugar cane industry that has brought insufficient revenue into the community for years. While the Jamaican economy has benefited tremendously from a growth in tourism over recent decades, the majority of the island, especially rural towns, has not been able to attract a steady stream of tourists. Communities like Petersfield are left looking for alternatives to diversify and sustain their economies. In 1988, residents of Petersfield founded The Association of Clubs (AOC) in the hopes of addressing this issue by empowering the community to take real action. Amizade and AOC have enjoyed more than ten years of partnership working together to offer opportunities to the community through service learning trips. Due to aging of the

AOC’s founder, in order to strengthen and sustain their mutually beneficial programs, new leadership needs to be developed. The *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellows grant is being used to hire Norma Fenton as a full time Program Assistant. Her goals are to stabilize and solidify AOC’s community development work, expand community initiatives through the involvement of the host family communities in Petersfield and Galloway, develop the capacity for a full-time Amizade Site Director in Jamaica, and perhaps most importantly, prepare herself to take over leadership in the organizations. As 2014 came to a close, AOC began planning a project to align with the Ministry of Agriculture’s “Grow what you eat, Eat what you grow” food security effort. They have secured permission to cultivate a plot of fallow land adjacent to a local school.