



*SHARE's projects give a hand up to families living 'at the end of the road', often on remote land reform settlements. Agricultural inputs and training enable these farmers to provide for their families in rural communities.*

## THE PEOPLE AT THE END OF THE ROAD

**By Trish Murphy,  
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**T**he people at the end of the road - these are the people SHARE helps - people disadvantaged by war, displacement, poverty and the extreme inequalities in their developing countries. Drive off the highway onto a rutted dirt path, across miles of droughty terrain or up steep mountain slopes and you will find a SHARE project at the end of the road.

When you arrive at the end of the road you might find a group of proud, peasant farmers, both men and women, eager to show you their well cared for herd of goats, sheep or cattle, their small hand-worked

fields or their productive market gardens. They will tell you that their income has now doubled and their families have an improved and diversified diet because of their SHARE project.

At the end of the road you may find a SHARE literacy group where youth, men and women learn the basics of reading, writing, life and job skills. Maria will tell you proudly that she no longer has the shame of having to put her X on documents when she goes to offices in town. Now she can write her name, read directions and street signs. She will now be able to do a budget for her small agriculture enterprise and read the bill handed to her in town.

At the end of another bumpy road you

might find a SHARE bee-keeping project, plantings of fruit trees and vegetables, cages with laying hens, chickens or rabbits.

You might be surprised that a little goes such a long way to change lives, alleviate poverty, feed families and bring hope with SHARE's small projects in needy communities at the end of the road.

There are still more roads to take, more people who need "a hand up", and even people living along the sides of roads waiting for a chance to improve their lives, ready to work the land to prove their strength and determination.

So when you think about the work that SHARE does, picture the people at the end of the road.



## FINALLY, THE DAY WE DREAMED OF!

In the hot Guatemalan sun twenty families prepared the land by hand and planted pea seeds with high hopes for the success of their first agriculture project funded by the S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation. In partnership with the small Ontario-based organization, Loving Arms, SHARE's sustainable projects are bringing improved income and nutrition to three mountain communities in western Guatemala. SHARE's projects will enable the Guatemalan families to *help themselves*.

The small agriculture projects include growing vegetable crops for family nutrition and export sales and a family pig project.

Families are supported in their work with advice from a local agricultural expert funded by SHARE, organized, encouraged and monitored by Loving Arms' local project coordinator. Chinese and sweet peas have been harvested and after the threat of seasonal hurricanes has passed, a new crop will be planted. A prototype pig project was completed before the larger family pig project was started.

A "pay forward" by the participants of each project, a version of SHARE's *pass on principle*, has financed more families to enter the program.

Partnerships with like-minded organizations such as Loving Arms enable SHARE to effectively reach more

communities, strengthened by the work of dedicated people with local experience and a passion for giving a *hand up*.

TOP LEFT Profits from sustainable SHARE-funded agriculture enterprises enabled some families to purchase seeds for the next crop, to install electricity, or buy a cow or pig improving family nutrition and income.

TOP MIDDLE A small mesh green house, damaged by Hurricane Agatha in April and operated by a small women's cooperative with a generous community spirit, has been rebuilt with SHARE funds and is growing tomatoes.

TOP RIGHT Harvesting pea crop.

ABOVE (BEFORE & AFTER) Improved stoves are being built in the Guatemalan communities to improve the health of the families and free up women's time and efforts for more productive work. The local project coordinator provides workshops to the women on stove maintenance, family health and nutrition.

### IN MEMORIAM:

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."* – SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

We remember with appreciation the following SHARE volunteers: **George Atkins** (valued honorary patron), **John Yovanov** (enthusiastic fundraiser), **Audrey Symmes** (talented designer and photographer of SHARE's gift cards) and **John Lyons** (dedicated former director). S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation benefited greatly from the many years of dedicated work of these volunteers.



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## A Year of Accomplishments

With solid, growing support from our donors, committed volunteers, new working relationships and strong southern partners, the S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation has accomplished many things in 2010 and expanded our reach into more disadvantaged rural communities. Here is a brief list of some of the work accomplished in the past year:

- Monitored and reported on 3 CIDA projects; ensuring budgets, activities and projected targets are on track; hosted a CIDA representative to assess SHARE's CIDA projects in El Salvador
- Monitored, consulted and reported on many small projects on remote land reform settlements in Brazil including: a vet contract for farmers starting small dairy herds, youth bee keeping, a shade greenhouse, market gardens, goat herds, chicken projects, added value processing and marketing projects and a pump to irrigate gardens
- Supplied seeds, tools and agriculture training in Haiti after the earthquake with FIDA and Oxfam Quebec
- Formed a working relationship with Loving Arms funding agriculture projects, stove building, and literacy in western Guatemala; monitored and advised on these projects
- Partnered with KAMI in rural Haiti to provide agriculture and environment training in schools, to test improved stoves and do tree planting with a vegetable growers' cooperative
- Supported 56 rural students in Belize by paying high school tuition fees; monitored the programme and other small agriculture projects in Belize as well as exposing University of Guelph and Ridgetown Campus students to SHARE project sites and to rural communities in Central America
- Formed working relationships to fund wells in Bolivia and Cambodia for irrigation of small-scale farmers' crops
- Consulted with organizers and monitored the 13th successful annual SHARE funded Organic Growers' Conference in Brazil for over 130 participants
- Continued a partnership with Horizons of Friendship to fund cross cultural Mayan education in Guatemala, built stoves in Honduras and agriculture training in Nicaragua
- Monitored an agriculture program funded at Ak'tenamit, a residential Mayan school in eastern Guatemala that reaches into 40 communities accessible only by river
- Consulted with Guatemalan Stove experts to build improved healthy stoves in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador for rural women in many communities
- Supported Scene Change to educate young Canadians about international development and the Millennium Development Goals with interactive learning experiences for youth groups.
- Educated Canadian travelers on the realities of small-scale farming in Latin America with project site visits.



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