About our Chapter

◊ Started in 2005
◊ Members from Treasure Valley Area- Boise, Nampa and Caldwell
◊ Members donate time and expertise
◊ Diverse education and professional backgrounds
◊ Welcome new volunteers!
◊ Engineering & non-engineering

EWB USA builds a better world through engineering projects that empower communities to meet their basic human needs and equip leaders to solve the world’s most pressing challenges.

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Clean Water Project

**Villa America, Peru**

The Treasure Valley Chapter of EWB is currently working to bring a safe, reliable drinking water source to a small community in the remote jungle of Peru, and we need your help! EWB is a non-profit organization where professional engineers and scientists volunteer their time and knowledge to help build a better world. We partner with developing communities in other countries to improve quality of life through the implementation of environmentally and economically sustainable engineering projects.

In 2014 the Treasure Valley Chapter was teamed with the community in Villa America, Peru. Villa America is a small community located in the district of Palcazu-Iscosazin in the provincia of Oxapampa. The population lives off the land, farming fruit, cacao, peanuts, yucca, etc. However, their community infrastructure is lacking in regards to water treatment and sanitation, resulting in a high incidence rate of water borne illnesses.

### Our Project

The Chapter traveled to Villa America, Peru in 2015 and 2016 to meet with the community to understand their needs and environmental constraints.

After our 2016 site assessment trip we concluded that a groundwater well would be the best option for the community. Our group is currently in the design phase of our project, and working to raise the money to begin construction in 2017. We have estimated the well construction and basic pipeline system will cost $45,000.

A key component of EWB’s philosophy is community engagement and ownership. EWB requires the community to contribute 5% of the total project cost. With an annual household income of $750/year, raising over $2000 for basic infrastructure is no small task.

### How to help!

There are several ways to contribute to our cause; on the back of the brochure is information on how to Donate-By-Mail with mailing information, or you can visit the National EWB website at [https://support.ewb-usa.org/checkout/donation?eid=83985](https://support.ewb-usa.org/checkout/donation?eid=83985) and donate directly to our group!

Donations of $100 or more will receive a small personalized gift from the Villa America community as a thanks for helping our cause. Your gift will have a significant impact on their lives by helping bring the Villa America community a safe, reliable drinking water source.