

Financial Report: Mary Bloom Center in Peru

Note: The files attached to this report give details of the income and expenses of the Mary Bloom Center in Peru and the Melvin A. Bloom Endowment Fund – a Washington state non-profit corporation that supports the medical and educational work of the Mary Bloom Center. The summary below represents the overall expenditures of the Mary Bloom Center to assist the underserved in Puno, Peru, in the calendar year 2011.

1. The Major Robert D Lindenau Tutoring Program: \$11,813

This program provides individual and group tutoring to children in danger of dropping out school due to poor academic performance and family financial limitations. Since the inception of the tutoring program in 2008 (see: <http://stmaryvalleybloom.org/sessionsperu.html>), it has enabled about one hundred children to dramatically increase their grades in school. One grateful mother stated, “my children have finally been able to take off in their studies.” Some of the students advanced to more challenging programs, in some case, transferring to better public schools in Puno.

The Bob Lindenau Tutoring Program provides three hours of tutoring, twice a week. At the end of each session the student receive a hot meal. For many of the students, this is the most nutritional meal they receive all week. One of the boys said, “I am very happy to have this meal because when I go home, I am able give my younger brother the portion of my supper.”

The five college students who serve as tutors receive a monthly stipend. For them the stipend makes the difference on them being able to continue their own studies. The 2011 Bob Lindenau program was directed by Graciela Fernandez Quiñones, who in the spring graduated from the university with a teacher’s degree. Graciela herself has served as a Bob Lindenau tutor since the inception of the program.



Graciela with students (lentils & rice)



Mijael tutoring

The 2012 delegation to Peru participated in a "summer school" program as part of Bob Lindenau tutoring program.



Andy showing how to make rosaries



Blessing rosaries made by children

See: <http://stmaryvalleybloom.org/boblindenau2012.html>

Report on the Major Robert Lindenau Tutoring Program 2011 (Spanish)

[2010](#)

2009

2008

Due to limitation in funding we began the 2011 Bob Lindenau Tutoring in May (instead of March, the beginning of the school year in Peru). Unless we have increased donations, we will follow the same pattern this year.

2. Scholarships for studies after high school: \$10,302

Over the years the Mary Bloom Center has enabled around fifty young people attend college or vocational schools. The youth are typically members of families who have had some association with Mary Bloom Center, for example, by volunteering their time and talent to help out at the Mary Bloom Center. The students themselves help out at the Mary Bloom Center.



Franz

The Mary Bloom Scholarship Program has made it possible for young people to achieve their dreams of becoming a teacher, nurse or lawyer. Others have gained vocational skills that have enable them to work as tour guides, computer repair, mechanics, etc.

Depending on the school, the Mary Bloom Scholarships have ranged between one hundred and one hundred and twenty-five dollars a month. The scholarship includes enrollment fees, monthly pension for food and some help for other expenses such as textbooks, professional uniforms, and fees for thesis and graduation. This past year we had eight students in this program, four of whom are completing their studies this year. We have plans to add only one student: Diego Apaza who will be taking classes on weekends to achieve his high school equivalence.



Diego & Luz

3. Direct help for the underserved \$9,897

Since the Mary Bloom Center has a small medical clinic, many people look to the Center for specific medical needs. The Center offers screening for cervical cancer (Pap tests). Patients with advanced cases are sent to Lima for treatment. In cases of need, the MBC pays for part or all of the transportation expense.

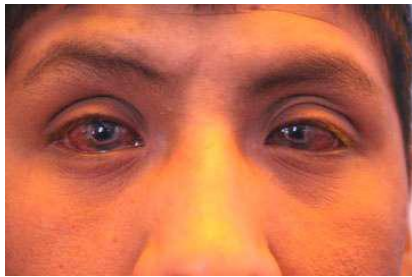
The Mary Bloom Center has also undertaken help for specific cases. For example:

- Burn victim, Fidel Quezada



Luz with Fidel

- Diego Apaza – congenital eye disease aggravated by environment and extreme poverty.



Diegos's eyes before operation



Operation by Dr. Corrales

- Justina – colostomy bags



Vanh Pham, R.N., changing Justina's colostomy bag – showing how to make bag last longer

- Francisco Condori – child with paralysis of lower body



Franciso with his dad

- Alejandro – child with lack of motor control and control of bodily functions



Luz with Alejandro at San Juan de Dios Clinic and Rehabilitation Center in Lima



with Alejandro in Lima

The Mary Bloom Center works closely with the Vincentian Daughters of Charities who care for orphans and other underserved in Peru. Over the years the MBC has served as a channel for donations to the Sisters, for example in the reconstruction of one of the orphanage dormitories. A particular case where donors have been inspired to help is Francisca. In December of 1998 her mother died in childbirth and the Sisters raised her since she was a baby.



Sor Maria with baby Francisca (Jan 1999)



Francisca in 2009



Francisca today (with Vanh & Sarah)

The delegations visiting Peru stay with the Daughters of Charity and make a donation to the sisters for their work. Sometimes when people hear about specific needs of the Sisters, they will make a donation through the Mary Bloom Center. For example, last year after the robbery of guinea pigs from the Lima orphanage, various donations gave \$280 to purchase replacements. In the previous year, 2010, we donate about \$2500 to the Sisters.

4. Courses and ongoing education: \$2,171

The MBC was founded to promote the values most important to Mary Bloom: marriage, family and children. As a means of strengthening marriages, the MBC offers courses in the Billings Method of Natural Family Planning for health professionals, teachers, married couples and single adults. The courses teach “fertility appreciation” – the unique and marvelous manner in which God created woman. At the conclusion of a course, a young man commented, “It gave me respect for women.”

In addition to teaching the Billings Method to adults, the MBC offers chastity education for high school students and “self-esteem” courses for children. The Mary Bloom Center has a “convenio” (covenant) with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to offer courses for credit.

[Link to 2011 report on the work of the Mary Bloom Center](#)

5. Operating cost of the Mary Bloom Center: \$26,550

None of the above programs would be possible without a center from which to administer them. As is the case with almost all institutions the major expense is for personal. In 2011 the Mary Bloom Center had a staff of four:

- Obst. Luz Marron, who has directed the MBC since its foundation in 1994



Tonya Lindenau and Luz

- Dr. Ana Gladys Cotacallapa who, along with Luz, carries out the medical and educational programs of the Center.



Dr Ana

- Public Accountant Lisseth Mendoza, who serves as part-time bookkeeper for the Center



Lisbeth with brother carrying accounting books of the Mary Bloom Center

- Srta. Marina Umiña Coila who serves as secretary and receptionist

The total cost for personnel in 2011 was \$17,288. Due to a robbery at the end of June and to decrease in donations, we were forced to let Marina go in July. In 2012 we will be looking for a new staff member to replace Dr. Cotacallapa.

Besides the cost of personnel, other 2011 expenses at the Mary Bloom Center included: rent to the Sisters (\$2000), utilities of telephone, electricity and water (\$1,251), publicity (\$352), office supplies, administration and bank expenses (\$2,771), repairs, maintenance and other (\$2,887).

A priest who generously serves the Mary Bloom Center is Father Robert Hoffmann, M.M. He has been Maryknoll priest for over fifty years – most of them spent in Peru. Currently Fr. Hoffmann is pastor of a new parish in the Salcedo District of Puno – one of the poorest sectors of the city and coincidentally the district from which comes most of the Bob Lindenau children. Fr. Hoffmann also assists as spiritual guide for the Mary Bloom Center and periodically reviews its finances.



Fr. Bob Hoffmann, M.M .

Financial Overview of Mary Bloom Center:

On January 1, 2011 the MBC had \$3,759.75 and 12,773.02 Peruvian Soles in its Peruvian bank account

During the year, the MBC received two transfers from the Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle: \$11,686.17 on April 19 and \$9,004.37 on September 13.

In 2011 the MBC spent \$29,153.68

On December 31, 2011 the MBC had \$229.79 and no Peruvian Soles in its account.

We did receive some generous donations in relation to the 40th anniversary of Fr. Bloom which will enable us to continuing operating in the new year 2012. We will, however, be taking some steps to reduce expenses: a later opening for the Mary Bloom Center after summer vacation and a smaller staff. As indicated above, since the robbery at the end of June, we have operated with a reduced staff. This is not ideal and we hope with the results of the May 12 Auction that we will be able to have the fuller staff that the MBC needs.

Financial overview of Melvin A Bloom Endowment Fund

Value of Account:	January 1, 2011	\$60,155.11
	December 31, 2011	\$56,807.80

Income:

Donations	\$23,442.04
Interest on CD (matured June 13)	304.16
Earnings Mutual Funds	387.51
Growth Mutual Funds	57.21
Other (interest Advantage Fund)	4.19
<u>Delegation</u>	<u>9,600</u>
Total	\$33,795.11

Expenses (Investment)

Bob Lindenau Tutoring Program	\$11,813
Scholarships	10,302
Underserved	9,897
Website	131.28
Account Maintenance (end of year)	5
Delegates expenses – 2011 – includes	
<u>\$148.14 for Lurin orphanage</u>	<u>4,994.14</u>
Total	\$37,142.42