



# PBI Turns 25: 2006 Year in Review

2006 was yet another wonderfully busy year for Peace Brigades International! Here's a taste of what we've been up to:

## PBI Nepal Project Established

Early 2006 brought a whirlwind of activity to our newest project in Nepal. After



establishing our first permanent field-team in January, they were almost immediately called upon to accompany peace, human rights and

democracy activists in rallies across Kathmandu.



**Lucy Mathiesen (PBI-Nepal) signs a general agreement with the government of Nepal, May 22, 2006.**

## Soraya Gutierrez Honored by ABA

In April, The American Bar Association (ABA) honored Colombian lawyer, Soraya Gutierrez Arguello, with the International Human Rights Lawyer Award, given annually to "distinguished foreign human rights lawyers who have suffered persecution as a result of their professional activities." PBI has accompanied Arguello and other lawyers belonging to the José Alvear Restrepo Lawyer's Collective (CCAJAR) since 1998.



## PBI 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

In July, over 60 friends and supporters of Peace Brigades International gathered at a conference center on the



Appalachian Trail in Front Royal, Virginia to celebrate and reflect on 25 years of successfully protecting human rights and promoting nonviolence.



**Orlando Tizon of TASSC addresses conference participants**

Organizations presenting and participating in the weekend included Amnesty International, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Guatemala Accompaniment Project, Haymarket People's Fund, International Solidarity Movement, Michigan Peace Teams,



**Ken Luckhardt of PBI Canada at 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**

Nonviolent Peace Force, Student Peace Action Fund, Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC) and Witness for Peace.

*"PBI's accompaniment is very important to us at AFADEM (Mexican Association of Families of the Detained and Disappeared). We have faced moments of great difficulty but thanks to PBI's accompaniment, we have been able to continue our activities; international accompaniment has given us more confidence and strength."*

Tita Radilla, AFADEM

## PBI USA Volunteers



PBI USA is grateful for the service of the 17 different US volunteers to PBI projects in 2006!



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### Volunteers who completed their terms in 2006:

*Gabo Arora* – Colombia Project  
*Jenny Brav* – Nepal Project  
*Camille Coleman* – Nepal Project  
*Sarah Gyrog* – Indonesia Project  
*Eric Lopp* – Colombia Project  
*Athena Michelle* – Nepal Project  
*Kath Nygard* – Colombia Project

### Volunteers Currently in the field:

*Liza Smith* – Colombia Project  
*Maggie Ervin* – Colombia Project  
*Rae Anne LaFrenz* – Colombia Project  
*Tom Clements* – Colombia Project  
*Katharine Mote* – Indonesia Project  
*Tom Bewick* – Indonesia Project  
*Anne May* – Mexico Project  
*Jamie Wick* – Mexico Project  
*Daniela Ponce* – Nepal Project  
*Debra Stanislawski* – Nepal Project

## Why Give to PBI?

*Peace Brigades International* has a 25 year history of successfully helping to reduce repression, and of keeping the battle for democracy moving forward. The simple presence of *Peace Brigades* observers has been proven to greatly reduce the number of good people disappearing. **Your donation of money, your time, and helping us to network with your friends and colleagues is urgently needed.** Being a part of *Peace Brigades* has helped restore my hope that the world has a chance to survive and helped make me feel empowered once again. It can do the same for you!

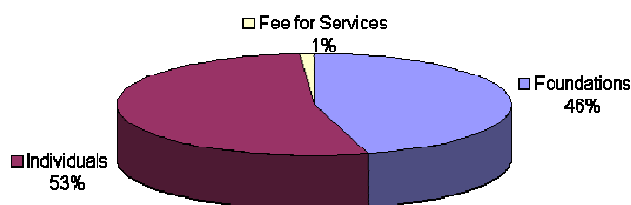
### *Dr. James Polk*

PBI USA National Coordinating Committee  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia



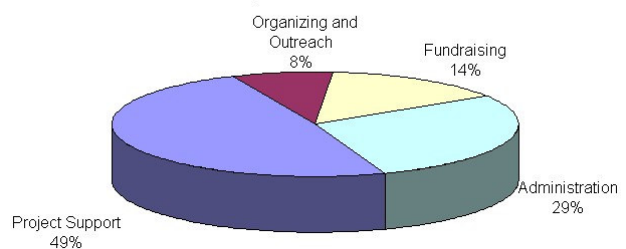
## PBI USA Financial 2005 Year-End Financial Information

### 2005 Income PBI-USA



**Total Income: \$210,482**

### 2005 Expenses PBI-USA



**Total Expense: \$194,050**