

PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL/USA

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PROMOTING  
**NONVIOLENCE** AND  
DEFENDING  
**HUMAN RIGHTS**  
SINCE 1981

**pbi**  
making space for peace

***“Peace Brigades’ presence is like oxygen. All of the people that Peace Brigades works with are activists who are trying to change structures in areas of conflict. Because of that, they are targeted, receive death threats, their relatives are murdered, and so on. So this kind of accompaniment, walking with people so that they can breathe, so that they can continue to do the work and feel that they’re not alone, is really important.”***

*--Guillermo Rishchynski (Bogota 2004) Former Canadian Ambassador to Colombia  
Currently, Vice-President, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)*

## Vision

Peace Brigades International envisions a world in which people address conflicts nonviolently, where human rights are universally upheld and social justice and intercultural respect have become a reality.

## Mission

Peace Brigades International works to open a space for peace in which conflicts can be addressed in a nonviolent way. PBI applies a strategy of international presence and concern that supports local initiatives and contributes to developing a culture of peace and justice. We act on request of local organizations and groups working for human rights, social change and development of civil society, which means in regions where there is oppression and conflict.

## Aims and Objectives

The aim of PBI's international presence is to accompany both political and social processes through a joint strategy of deterring violence and promoting active nonviolence. PBI's international teams of volunteers use methods such as protective accompaniment, peace education, independent observation and analysis of the conflict situation. In addition, PBI learns about, develops, and models forms of nonviolent intervention. PBI, where possible, initiates contacts with all the parties to a conflict in order to establish and inform our presence. PBI supports this work through a broad international network of organizations and individuals. PBI's identity is built upon non-hierarchical structures and consensual processes.

*Adopted at PBI General Assembly,  
Sweden, July 1998*

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top: PBI volunteer Susi Bascon accompanies a human rights defender in Ayutla, Mexico.

middle: Doña Rosa, member of SITRANB Maquila Workers Union, in Guatemala.

bottom: CONAVIGUA peacefully marches in Guatemala.

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## 2004 ACTIVITIES OF PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL/USA

### FUNDRAISING

PBI/USA sent over \$27,000 to support PBI projects in the field and the international office, located in London.

### NEW STAFF IN THE OFFICE

Michael Joseph was hired as the new Co-Director for PBI/USA in 2004 and began working in January of 2005.

### ALUMNI VISITS/SPEAKING TOURS

Upon their return from their respective field placements, recent PBI volunteers visited the DC area for meetings with NGOs, governmental departments, and Congressional offices in addition to local universities. Ben Lischner, Nancy Vogt, Emily Felt, and Kath Nygard were among the volunteers.

### POLITICAL SUPPORT NETWORKS

PBI/USA activated our Emergency Response Network (ERN) and Political Response Network (PSN) on behalf of the Colombia project after our presence was threatened by President Uribe and on behalf of the Guatemala project following an assault on our volunteers in Guatemala City. The National Coordinating Committee was strengthened and expanded.

### FIELD VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT

#### Orientation Weekends

Three of these were held in 2004 in the Washington, DC area with a total of 45 participants. Emily Felt and Dirk Ewers (recent field volunteers) participated in a February 2004 orientation.

#### Workshops

These 4-5 hour long orientations to the work of PBI were offered at Denver University, Colorado College, and Penn State.

#### New/Potential Volunteer Materials

An orientation binder was created to be sent to newly selected U.S. field volunteers. PBI also compiled a list of recent field volunteer alumni who are willing to share their personal experiences in the field with potential volunteers.

#### Mental Health/Mentoring

PBI is in the process of developing a stronger mental health and mentoring support network for our field volunteers. This will include adding extensive emotional support training to volunteer training sessions and establishing a volunteer-mentor program with previous PBI field volunteers.

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***“PBI HAS BROKEN NEW GROUND ON HOW TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE INTER-CULTURAL TEAMS, WHILE KEEPING TRUE TO THEIR NONVIOLENT MISSION, AND HAS PROVIDED CRITICAL SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATIONS, COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.”***

***--JAN PASSION  
TEAM MANAGER, SRI LANKA  
NONVIOLENT PEACE FORCE***

## FUNDER RECOGNITION

**Thank you! Peace Brigades International/USA would like to recognize all those who supported our work in 2004 with donations of time, energy and financial resources! *Listed amount reflects donations for the period of Jan. 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.***

### INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

**Special recognition goes to the following organizations for strengthening the financial bedrock upon which PBI's field work is carried out:**

Church of the Epiphany, [Yellow Springs Friends Meeting](#), I Do Foundation wedding gifts, [Langley Hills Friends Meeting](#), Friends Meeting at Cambridge, [Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting/Yarnall Fund](#), Guatemala Friends Monthly, [Philadelphia Yearly Meeting](#), First United Church of Tampa, [United Church of Christ](#), St. John Vianney Congregation, [Washington Area Alternative Tax Fund](#), Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation, [Davis Religious Community for Sanctuary](#), and the Metanoia Peace Community of the United Methodist Church

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**BEN LISCHNER**

Ben graduated with a B.S. in Physics from Reed College in 1987 and spent many years working in the IT field as a computer programmer. Ben completed his term on the PBI Indonesia Project in 2004. After returning to the US in April, Ben started his own independent technology consulting business, Terserah Consulting, which provides services to progressive organizations.



**ERIC "SHAWN" SORENSEN**

Shawn joined the PBI Guatemala Project in September 2004 after working on a gubernatorial campaign in Montana. Shawn accompanied numerous Guatemalan organizations including leading legal organization CALDH and a nascent women's labor union. Shawn returned to the United States in December, after the arrival of 2 new volunteers. Shawn now works in the U.S. with the AFL-CIO helping the union movement and working against CAFTA.

**KATH NYGARD**

Kath, a graduate of the University of Minnesota with degrees in Global Studies and Anthropology, entered her third term as a human rights observer with PBI's Colombia Project! After nearly two years providing a protective international presence to internally displaced communities in the conflictive north-western region of Urabá, she is currently on the Bogotá team. Through her studies and activism Kath has traveled to Mexico, Africa, South America and Europe.



## Mexico Project

Founded in 1999, the PBI-Mexico Project was forced to reduce its size in 2004 in response to fundraising realities. The Project went from 11 volunteers on two sub-teams in Mexico City and Guerrero to six volunteers on one team in Guerrero. This dramatic shift, although painful, represented a mature financial decision and although the Mexico Project is small, it remains strong. The biggest challenges continue to be the intransigent and pernicious manner of repression of activists in Mexico. In the final months of 2004, there were a series of increasing attacks against human rights defenders with whom the Project is in contact.

### **ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE: Tita and the Association for Families of the Detained and Disappeared and Victims of Human Rights Violations (AFADEM)**

Tita is a 62 year old Mexican human rights defender whose father was “disappeared” in the 1970’s as part of the government’s campaign to do away with dissidents who were suspected of belonging to an armed campesino



*Kristine Gilbertson and Tita Radilla in Atoyac, Guerrero in Mexico*

organization. Tita is currently Vice President of AFADEM. She has pioneered the creation of a social and political movement in Guerrero comprised of families who have lost family members to the “Dirty War” of the 1970’s and 1980’s. Because of Tita’s efforts to identify and seek justice for those responsible for the death of her father and so many

### **Organisations Accompanied by PBI-Mexico in 2004**

The Association of Families of the Detained Disappeared and Victims of Violations of Human Rights (AFADEM)

The Human Rights Office of the Mountain “Tlachinollan”

Christian Action for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT)

Committee for the Liberty of the Cerezo Brothers

Residents’ Association of the Colombia Leonardo Rodriguez Alcaine Colony

Regional Centre for Human Rights “José María Morelos y Pavón”

National Civil Organisations Network (Red Tdt)

Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez Human Rights Center (PROdh)

Morelos and Pavon Human Rights Centre

others, she has been threatened and harassed on a number of occasions. During 2004, PBI volunteers spent many days accompanying her and at times have had to sleep in her home. In spite of this danger, Tita continues to carry forward her father’s case and those of others and has received international recognition for her work.

## Guatemala Project

PBI maintained a team of volunteers in Guatemala from 1983 to 1999. During those years, it carried out accompaniment work with human rights organisations, unions, indigenous and campesino organisations,



*James Rodriguez accompanying Roly Retalhuleu (SITRANB)*

refugees and churches. In 1999, after an evaluation process, it was decided to close the Project since the country had greatly advanced in the opening of space for the work of human rights organisations. However, by 2000, PBI again began receiving a number of requests for international accompaniment from Guatemala organisations. PBI's subsequent investigation made evident a closing of space for human rights defenders. In April 2003, the new PBI office was opened in Guatemala.

### **ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE: The Madre Selva Collective**

The Madre Selva Collective is an environmental organisation that holds regular workshops on the negative impact of mega-projects, and in particular, those involving open air mining and the installation of hydroelectric power plants. As a result of its environmental work and activism, the Collective has repeatedly been subjected to threats, coercion,

pressure tactics and insults. Most recently they received threats during an assignment in which they presented information on the destructive environmental effects of mining in the department of San Marcos and members of the Collective have received death threats. The Collective believes that *“the preservation of ecosystems and nature's balance is a life and death issue, which should be incorporated as a vital exercise, understood as the capacity of a community to define, with independence and knowledge, the way of life and development that it desires.”* Following this belief, working for environmental protection constitutes a fight for basic human rights. The PBI-Guatemala team maintains regular contact with the Madre Selva Collective, including frequent visits to their office and accompaniment.

### **Organisations Accompanied by PBI Guatemala in 2004 \***

SITRANB Maquila Workers Union  
National Council of the Populations  
and Marginalized Areas of Guatemala  
(CONAPAMG)  
El Maguey Plantation Community  
Comite de Unidad Campesino (CUC)  
Eloyda Mejia, Association of Friends  
of Lake Izabal  
Centre for Legal Action on Human  
Rights (CALDH)  
Council of Ethnic Communities  
“Runujel Junam” (CERJ)  
National Coordinating Committee of  
Widows of Guatemala  
(CONAVIGUA)  
Madre Selva Collective  
Communities of Population in  
Resistance CPR - Sierra  
National Indigenous and Campesino  
Coordination (CONIC)  
Coordinating Committee of Quichi  
Women's Organizations  
*\*does not include individual human rights  
defenders*



## Colombia Project

The PBI-Colombia Project celebrated its 10 year anniversary in 2004 and continues to maintain four subteams in Bogotá, Barrancabermeja, Urabá and Medellín, with an average of 35-40 international volunteers. In 2004, the Colombia Project provided an international presence in the offices of 12 NGOs and in four displaced communities. Human rights defenders were also accompanied during work-related travel to unsafe areas, in the observation of public events, and in some cases in their homes.

### **ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE: Cacarica Community of Self-determination, Life and Dignity (CAVIDA)**

The communities of the Cacarica river basin were first displaced in February 1997 during Operation Genesis, a military operation which systematically assassinated leaders of each community in the river basin in order to provoke a mass displacement, thus gaining access to the area. Some of the internally displaced communities grouped themselves into the community organisation **CAVIDA**, and in the year 2000 they organised voluntary returns to the two former towns of Cacarica. These returns were guaranteed by both the state and the UNHCR and the new settlements *Esperanza de Dios* (The Hope of God), and *Nueva Vida* (New Life) were declared humanitarian zones. These three peace communities continue to be under threat from illegal armed actors, illegal logging operations and pre-construction activities for the Panamerican highway in Afro-Colombian communal territory.

### **Organisations and Communities Accompanied by PBI-Colombia in 2004\***

Committee in Solidarity with Political Prisoners (CSPP)  
 Association for Family Members of the Detained-Disappeared (ASFADDES)  
 Jose Alvear Restrepo Lawyer Collective (CAJAR)  
 Association for the Promotion of Social Alternatives (MINGA)  
 Inter-Ecclesiastical Commission for Justice and Peace (CIJP)  
 Centre for Popular Education and Research (CINEP)  
 National Association of Peasant, Indigenous, and Black Women of Colombia (Anmucic)  
 The 'Nunca Mas' Project  
 Corporation for Judicial Liberty (CJL)  
 Popular Women's Organisation (OPF)  
 Popular Training Institute (IPC)  
 Regional Corporation for the Defence of Human Rights (CREDHOS)  
 Cacarica Community of Self-determination, Life and Dignity (CAVIDA)  
 Peace Community of San José de Apartadó

\* *List does not include individual human rights defenders*

### **NEPAL PROJECT:**

At the request of local activists, PBI sent exploratory missions to Nepal in August through October 2004. The missions concluded that PBI's methods could be effective in protecting the lives of local human rights defenders. In collaboration with PBI Country Groups and the International Secretariat in London, an eight person Project Steering Committee worked to build the support necessary to field permanent peace teams. PBI will offer security trainings to human rights defenders and lay the groundwork for a long-term presence.

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## A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Supporter,

Hello from Peace Brigades International/USA's board of directors in our 25th year! For two and a half decades, and counting, we have been a non-governmental organization working to protect human rights and promote peaceful resolution of conflicts. We have sent 1,000 highly trained human rights observers into conflict areas to serve as "unarmed bodyguards" to accompany human rights defenders, their organizations and others threatened by political violence, much in the same vein as Freedom Riders went into Southern states to accompany black voters.

As a board member, I considered it important to go to Colombia, twice, to see exactly what we sustain in that country inured by four decades of brutal armed conflict. The journeys didn't make me an expert, but I did hear the testimony of a group organized against "disappearances" praise their PBI accompaniment. Under a hot sun in a hilltop square in Medellin, where upwards of 100 displaced people crowded in to tell their stories, it was comforting and encouraging to see the easily identifiable international team from Peace Brigades milling in the mix.



*Members of the 2004 NCC Board Meeting in Berkeley, CA.*

The situation in Guatemala continues to shock observers, who are glad that PBI has returned to the people we accompanied back in the '80s and '90s. Our projects in Mexico and Indonesia, impacted by waves of progress and stagnation, are now thriving. Worldwide, PBI sends volunteers to support projects in troubled areas from 17 countries. We continue to receive requests for our services in other conflict areas, and at the moment are investigating the potential for projects in Nepal and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I would like to thank you for your past support of our work. Over the last 25 years, your backing has helped PBI increase its income to \$3 million shared among our projects. This has enabled us to double the average number of volunteers in the field at any given time to 70. Finding the strength and finances for the many requests PBI receives from those in conflict areas crying out for justice will continue to be possible only with your support.

Non-violence and non-cooperation were the seeds Gandhi planted in our lifetime for putting the struggle on a plane where the "unarmed" had a fighting chance. Gandhi's logic was impeccable, but in the beginning few understood. Only with your on-going support will it be possible to reap this harvest for another 25 years.

Brenda E. Humphrey  
for the National Coordinating Committee (NCC)

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

for the period January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004

### INCOME

January 1-December 31

Institutions	20,306
Individuals	83,176
Fee-for-service	1,154
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>104,636</b>

### EXPENSE

January 1-December 31

Allocations	27,344
Project Support in US	31,283
Organizing & Outreach	28,713
Fundraising	25,281
Administration	21,506
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>134,127</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-29,491</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-29,491</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

December 31 2004

#### ASSETS

Savings	14,371.91
Checking	8,562.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>22,933.91</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>22,933.91</b>
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#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

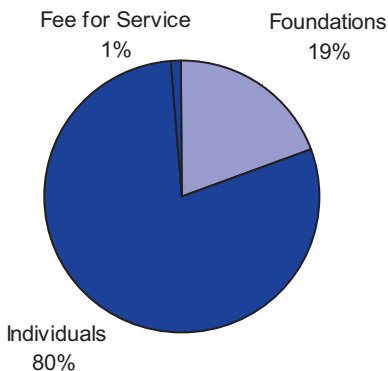
##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	53,420.37
Retained Earnings	-2,065.22
Net Income	-28,421.24

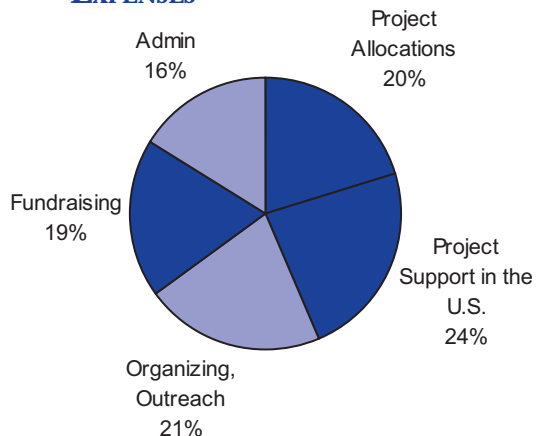
**Total Equity** 22,933.91

**Total Liabilities and Equity** 22,933.91

### INCOME



### EXPENSES



## CURRENT/RECENT AMERICAN PEACE BRIGADES VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIELD

### **MELOSA AIYANA GRANDA**

Originally from Hawaii, Melosa has been serving as a PBI field-volunteer in Guatemala since October 2004. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Duluth, prior to her work with PBI, Melosa, worked with California Peace Action and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. She also volunteered with Witness for Peace and Amnesty International.



### **Kristine Gilbertson**

Kristine is currently a PBI volunteer for the Mexico Project in Guerrero. She graduated from the University of Colorado with a BA in International Affairs. Her studies focused mainly on political and historical issues related to Latin America. She has worked with various NGOs including the Denver Justice and Peace Committee, El Centro Humanitario para los Trabajadores, and as a teacher of English as a Second Language teacher in a an elementary school.

### **DIRK EWERS**

In 1994 Dirk started his involvement with PBI by organizing training sessions for the Guatemala project. In January 2003 Dirk began his first term on the Colombia team. Dirk plans on returning to school to study Latin American Studies and Conflict Resolution. In April Dirk was blessed with his first child, a healthy baby boy.



## Indonesia Project

PBI Indonesia Project has worked in East and West Timor, Jakarta, Aceh, and Papua. In addition to providing an international peace presence, the Indonesia Project carries out peace education and conflict transformation workshops in different locations throughout the archipelago, most intensively in Flores. Due to the imposition of martial law, the Project was forced to close its field offices in Lhokeseumawe and Banda Aceh in July 2003. However, the Indonesia Project continues to provide support to its clients in Aceh, through a sub-team located in Jakarta as of November 2004.

At the end of 2004, the Indonesia team consisted of 15 volunteers with a presence in Jakarta and Jayapura (Papua), and was carrying out intensive lobbying in order to be able to return to Aceh. On December 26, 2004, the province of Aceh was devastated by an earthquake followed by a tsunami wave. Subsequently, PBI teams returned to Aceh.



*Monthly Peace Discussion in Papua about peace education*

### **ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE: Rehabilitation Action for Torture (RATA)**

RATA was founded in 1999 as an humanitarian aid organisation

whose main objective is to provide rehabilitation for torture survivors of

#### **PBI's Acehnese Client Organisations in 2004**

Rehabilitation Action for Torture  
Victims in Aceh (RATA)  
Women's Volunteer Team for  
Humanity (RPuK)  
Coalition for Human Rights  
Organisations (Koalisi NGO HAM)  
Legal Aid Organisation– Associa  
tion of Indonesian Women for  
Justice (LBH-Apik)  
Human Rights and Legal Aid Post (PB  
HAM)  
Association of Victims of Human  
Rights Abuse (SPKP)  
Flower Aceh  
Legal Aid Foundation (LBH)

#### **Papuan Organisations Re- questing PBI**

**Accompaniment in 2004**  
Kontras Papua  
Komunitas Korban Abepura (The  
Victims Community of Abepura)

the DOM (Military Operations Area) period in Aceh, which lasted from 1989 to 1998. RATA maintains a centre capable of providing special medical and psychological treatment to torture victims, and a functioning community-based network comprised of volunteers, health professionals, government agencies, and NGOs.

PBI Indonesia Project accepted RATA as a client in early January 2001, shortly after three of its volunteers were killed, and has been providing the organisation with protective accompaniment in the capital, Banda Aceh, and elsewhere in the province since May 2001. At the end of 2004, the Aceh sub-team, located in Jakarta, continued to be in constant contact with RATA.

**ASHLEY GRANT**

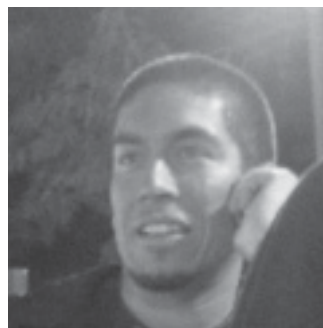
Ashley, a graduate of Wesleyan University, has been on the Medellín sub-team of the PBI Colombia Project since June 2004. Prior to working with PBI, Ashley accompanied a returned refugee community in Alta Verapaz with the Guatemala Accompaniment Project. Upon returning from Guatemala, she spent several years working as an organizer and research analyst for the Service Employees International Union. She plans to attend law school when she returns in 2005.

**NANCY VOGT**

Nancy began working with the PBI Indonesia Project in October 2003. In March 2004 Nancy was asked to help establish a new PBI sub team in West Papua. Now back in her home in Washington DC, Nancy is exploring opportunities for post-tsunami reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in Aceh, and hoping to one day return to Papua.

**JAMES RODRIGUEZ**

James has lived in Mexico City and Los Angeles. He graduated from UCLA with a BA in Cultural Geography. He has worked as an analyst and cartographer in the GIS field. He has volunteered for Peace Boat and has recently finished his term with PBI in Guatemala.

**DAVID FELLER PEGG**

David is currently living in Bogota and for the most part working with national and international organizations as a translator and interpreter. His academic background includes studies in history and languages. In the past David also has previous experience as a book dealer, teacher and youth worker.

## **2004 PBI PROJECTS**

Colombia (founded in 1994)  
Guatemala (re-founded 2003)  
Indonesia (founded in 1999)  
Mexico (founded in 1999)

## **PAST PBI PROJECTS**

Balkans (Coalition partner in Balkans  
Peace Teams from 1994-2001)  
El Salvador (1987-1992)  
Guatemala (1983-1999, re-initiated in 2003)  
Haiti (1995-2000)  
North America (1992-1999)  
Sri Lanka (1989-1998)

## **PBI COUNTRY GROUPS**

Aotearoa/ New Zealand	Germany India
Australia	Italy
Belgium	Spain
Canada	Sweden
Luxembourg	Switzerland
Netherlands	United Kingdom
Norway	United States
France	

## **ASSOCIATE GROUPS**

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