Carley Clement is one of our 2015-2016 Fellows Program grant recipient, working with Manna Project International (MPI) in Ecuador. Her paid position of Senior Program Director begins in August 2015, following the completion of her current volunteer commitment, and go through mid-August 2016. Recently Manna Project Ecuador has formed a new partnership with the US-based non-profit, Education Global Access Program (E-Gap), to begin offering entrepreneurship and vocational training classes to community members; Carley will be the local administrator for this new program.

The students will be women 16-25 years old, with the hope of specifically being able to provide support for single mothers. Courses will use a blended education method of online materials and resources accompanied by classes taught in person by Manna volunteers. The class will last for four months and after finishing this course, participants will begin a 3-month internship with a local business, pairing knowledge learned in the classroom with real-life experience. The inaugural class is to begin in September, 2015.

Patrick Pawletko is one of our 2015-2016 Fellows grant recipient, working as an engineering consultant with Green Empowerment in Myanmar. Patrick has a BS degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University, and recently has been in Borneo consulting on a hydroelectric power project. His duties in Myanmar, starting in July, will be to support 2 local NGOs in 1) conducting complete capacity and needs assessments of local Myanmar partners, 2) map community energy needs and micro-hydro potential across 2 states in Myanmar, 3) begin implementation of a 2-year action plan to improve the rural electrification rate of Myanmar, which at present is less than 30%, compared to 68.5% for South Asia.