

# Nicaragua Assistance 2006/2007



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11th Journey

Dates: May 31 to June 13, 2006

## 2006 Focus:

### Senior Care Facilities:

- Hogar de Ancianos Agustin Castro Flores, Masaya, Carazo
- Hogar de Ancianos Y Albergue de Proteccion, San Marcos, Carazo
- Hogar de Ancianos Dr. Agustin Sanchez Vigil, Jinotepe, Carazo
- "Comedor de la 3a Edad La Purisima", Diriamba, Carazo

### Families:

- Guzman Family, San Marcos, Carazo - Roof Material/Paint
- Castellon Family, San Marcos, Carazo - Roof Material/Paint
- Adelaida Family, San Marcos, Carazo - Roof Material/Paint

### Individuals:

- Rodolfo Aburto Castellon, Computer Engineering Student, Managua
- Fred Ulrich, Catering Business, Managua

## What lies ahead in Nicaragua?

...hard to tell at present. National election to be held later this year with more political parties, than previous, in the running. To-date, the 80+ percent of the population that need urgent assistance have received very little, if any support from the present and previous governments. All assistance to this demographic group comes from outside of Nicaragua with challenges included, primarily in the area of getting these, much needed, humanitarian items into the country. I have personally contacted all levels of the Nicaraguan government both in Nicaragua and here in the US without any response at all. Unfortunately, we are not alone in this experience; something to be said for consistency. We and others still keep trying to find a solution to this issue.

On this, the eleventh Journey to Nicaragua, I had the opportunity and pleasure to meet the Ambassadors from both Denmark and the United States as well as a Nicaraguan Congressman in the capital Managua. Also, spoke to the Rotary Club in Managua about the shipping issue and I hope that something positive will materialize soon for the benefit of the recipients... time will tell. We have close to a 1000 Kg of items waiting to be shipped and distributed; just this ongoing problem.

Again, this year, a thank you to **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES** for their consistent fine service with getting three suitcases, hand luggage and a wheel-chair to Managua in good shape.

The wheel-chair was donated to a Senior Care facility in Jinotepe, Carazo along with some Medical supplies and Food items (see below).

Major purchases and distributions were:

- 400 (4x100) Pounds of Rice, Beans and Sugar to 4 Senior Care Facilities in Carazo along with 14 - 2.5 Kg of Dried Milk.
- 50 Zinc Roofing Sheets (12' & 8' Long) and 3 Gallons of Paint to 3 Families in San Marcos, Carazo.

Six employees at the **Hogar de Ancianos Agustin Castro Flores**, Senior Center in Masaya, Carazo, had not been compensated for five month (average earnings of \$20.00/week). The facility itself is struggling to house and feed eighteen residents presently. We paid part of the staff's overdue wages as well as a donation to the home itself.

Without you, this humanitarian effort would not be possible. On behalf of all recipients to-date, I thank you for your spirit and generosity.



**Above:** Items brought along to be distributed.

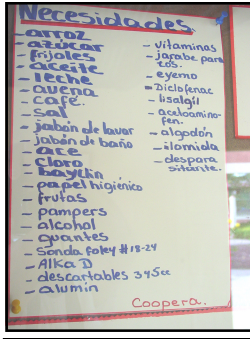
**Below:** The Guzman family receiving Roofing Sheets, delivered one day after my departure from NI.







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**Items Needed List...**  
*Posted at: Hogar de Ancianos Y Albergue de Protección, San Marcos, Carazo*



One Meal a day at Noon being served at the "Comedor de la 3a Edad La Purisima", Diriamba, Carazo to about 70 Seniors.

**We have immediate need for the following items:**

**Medical:**

- Hospital & Medical Supplies
- Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, etc.
- Bandages
- Tooth Paste & Brushes
- Wheel Chairs, Canes and Walkers

**Other items:**

- School Supplies: Pencils, Erasers, Water Colors and Solar Powered Calculators.
- Hand Tools - For all lines of work.
- Laptop or Notebook Computers
- Original Educational and Productivity Software
- Toys - Ages 2 to 10
- Large Suitcases

**Issue Funds to: "NICA-DIRECT"**

Funds are used for urgent purchases of Food, Emergency Equipment, Building Materials and distribution expenses. Items and funds are distributed to carefully selected organizations and individuals only. There is no administration expense. All expenditures associated with each trip are paid for us personally.

Any size donation is welcome. Please assist if you can. On behalf of all recipients to-date...

**Thank You!**



Leaky Roof situation in a living room in San Marcos, Carazo, one of thousands throughout Nicaragua.

**2006 Assistance-Items and Funds: \$6,300.00. Since 1996: \$50,300.00+**

**Assistance Received From:**

- Abatangelo, Valeria
- Adams, Lee
- Adeler-Bjarnø, Henrik & Christine
- Al-Wazzan, Christine
- Anthony, Robert & Mary Ann
- Banks, Cellie
- Barbanente, Vito
- Blankenhagen, Ted C.
- Bolling, Birgitta R.
- Campbell, Anna-Clara
- Connolly, John M. & Judith G.
- Drosos, Jerome

- Eckart, George
- Erwin, Aline
- Felbinger, Robert M & Susan J.
- Foster, Ellen Mason
- Hare, Martin
- Herren, Carl & Patricia
- Kreusler, Len
- Levee, Nancy L.
- Levee, Richard L.
- Maskell, Richard & Odette
- Nielsen, Marie Louise Behrens
- Offenbacher, Klaus & Vanessa
- Radeck, James

- Pelletiere, Dianne
- Plattenberger, William & Shirley
- Reynolds, Tom & Susan
- Sicchio, Richard
- Stern, Mark J. & Mona K.
- Voss, Ronald L.
- Walter, Hazel A. Petersen

**Businesses/Other:**  
Dr. William B. Hanaford, MD.  
**Continental Airlines**  
**SCHWEPPE** - Emil Goellner

**In Nicaragua:**

- Castellon, Rodolfo Aburto
- Herrera, Jose & Family
- Ulrich, Fred

*...If I, inadvertently, omitted somebody from the list, please accept my apology.*

