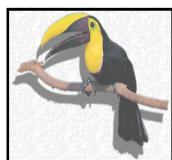


# Nicaragua Assistance 2007/2008



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12th Journey

Dates: May 22 to June 4, 2007

## Is life getting better in Nicaragua?

...yes, undoubtedly, for some but not for the 75 plus percent of the population that need it the most. In the 12 years since my first visit to Nicaragua, improvements can be seen with regard to roads and buildings but as far as the day to day struggle for basic existence by the above segment, there has only been very minor improvements; daily existence still being an ongoing struggle. The annual income of this group of the population is between US\$500.00 and US\$1,000.00/year. I wish that after this 12th Journey, I could be more optimistic with regard to the future of this population group and, hopefully, I will be proven wrong in my long term assessment, nothing could please me more.

On this trip the focus was on 5 Senior Care Facilities, 2 Lower Level Schools, 2 Families and 4 Individuals. Each Senior Care Facility received 100Lbs of Beans, Rice, Sugar and 6 - 2.5Kg of Powdered Milk. For the Schools, we purchased Dictionaries, Atlases and Solar Powered Calculators some of which still need to be delivered by my sources in Nicaragua.

The contents of 4 Suitcases/Roller Boards was, likewise, distributed to the below listed entities. Again, a special [Thank You](#) to *Continental Airlines* for their cooperation in getting these items to Nicaragua.

### 2007 Focus:

#### Senior Care Facilities:

- *Hogar San Antonio, Masaya, Carazo*
- *Hogar de Ancianos Horizonte, San Marcos, Carazo*
- *Hogar de Ancianos Dr. Agustin Sanchez Vigil, Jinotepe, Carazo*
- *"Comedor de la 3a Edad La Purisima", Diriamba, Carazo*
- *Hogar de Ancianos La Providencia, Granada*

#### Schools:

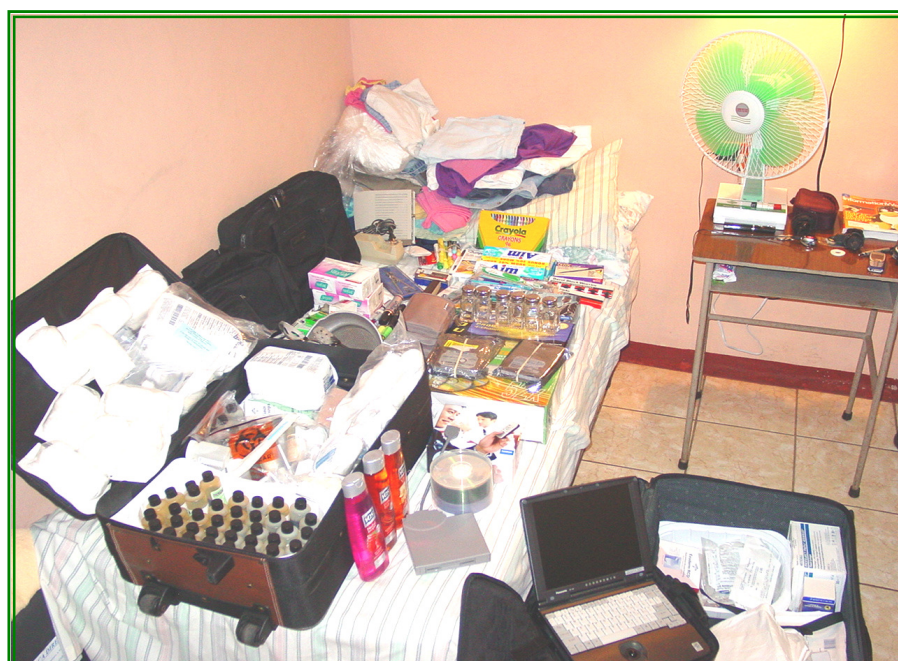
- *Centro de Desarrollo Infantil "Samual Calero, San Marcos, Carazo*
- *Escolar "Rafaela Herrera" San Marcos, Carazo*

#### Families:

- *Guzman Family, San Marcos, Carazo - General Assistance*
- *Castellon Family, San Marcos, Carazo - Building Material*

#### Individuals:

- *Rodolfo Aburto Castellon, San Marcos, Carazo - Computer Equipment*
- *Fred Ulrich, Catering Business, Managua*
- *Jose Herrera, San Marcos, Carazo Cyber Café Equipment*



Some of the items brought to Nicaragua this year. We need Medical and School Supplies - See listing on other side.

**2007 Assistance - Items and Funds: \$5,830.00.**  
**Conservative Estimate of Support Since 1996: \$56,130.00 +**



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Mother with children in tow, filling potholes, all day long, with dirt hoping that drivers will stop and give her something for the effort. This is near Masaya, Carazo, where maneuvering a car is a challenge both for the car and driver. Furthermore, it is the rainy season now.



### Immediate need for these 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 or Roller Boards

#### Funds to purchase Food & Other Urgent Items:

##### 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 by us personally.

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

**Thank You!**

#### Unsolicited comments received from recipients this year and prior years:

*... We appreciate so much this donation. We had just ran out of these items. Thank you.  
Hogar de Ancianos La Providencia, Granada - 30 de Mayo del 2007*

*... We want to say thanks for your donation. You will always be welcome to our home.  
We really need your help. God bless you.  
Hogar de Ancianos Dr. Agustin Sanchez Vigil, Jinotepe, Carazo - 29 de Mayo del 2007*

*... We are greatly pleased for your generous donation which is badly needed. God bless you.  
"Comedor de la 3a Edad La Purisima", Diriamba, Carazo - 29 de Mayo del 2007*

*... Thank you for your help. This home need it urgently. May God bless you.  
Hogar de Ancianos Horizonte, San Marcos, Carazo - 29 de Mayo del 2007*

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*... The school supplies which we received plays a major role in the physical and mental development of our students.  
Maria Lopez H., Director, Pre-Escolar Jardin de Niños Maria Montessori*

*... Our Hospital thank you for your valuable cooperation and generosity.  
Sister Claudia Castillo Fernandez, Director General, Hospital San Jose, Diriamba*

*... You are doing what so many of us think about doing, but for some reason never get around to do. If each of us took on such a project of helping others in need, this world would be a much nicer place for it.  
Richard A. Jackson, M.D. Bellaire, Texas*

*... Rarely a week passes without someone asking about you or referring to some of the good things you did while here.  
Hazel Petersen, Former Administrative Assistant, University of Mobile, San Marcus Campus*

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#### 2006/2007 Assistance From:

Adams, Lee  
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Danzer, Gerald & Magdalene  
Drosos, Jerome  
Felbinger, Robert M & Susan J  
Foster, Ellen Mason & Jeffrey

Fredricks, Denise & Michael  
Herren, Carl & Patricia  
Kreusler, Len  
Maskell, Richard & Odette  
Mason, Robert E  
Nielsen, Leif & Valerie  
Nielsen, Marie Louise Behrens  
Pelletiere, Dianne  
Plattenberger, William & Shirley  
Remick, Roseann & Stephen  
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Sicchio, Richard

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Emil Goellner

#### In Nicaragua:

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

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



Food items being delivered to Hogar de Ancianos Horizonte, San Marcos, Carazo on May 29, 2007.

