

Nicaragua Assistance 2008/2009



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13th Journey

Dates: May 19 to May 29, 2008

Most productive journey to-date...

...as well as an eye opener in actual seeing how 2K+ people of which many are children taking care of other children live in the most dire conditions seen in Nicaragua. It takes place in Managua at La Chureca – “The Dump” These people, adults and children, live off of the landfill in basic survival mode. They are sifting through every piece of garbage for food, clothes, and other valuables. The stench is unbearable at times depending on which way the wind is blowing.

An infant boy and a young girl had just recently been dropped off by their mother because she could not afford to take care of them. They are now being attended to by older children or perhaps an adult. Whole generations have lived this way.



View of La Chureca – “The Dump” in Managua.

Photo by: Marie Louise B. Nielsen



Volunteers feeding the children of La Chureca one meal a day.

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2008 Assistance Provided To:

Senior Care Facilities:

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

Schools:

- *Escolar - Hernado Rojas Zuniga, San Marcos*
- *Escolar - Rafaela Herrera, San Marcos*

Families:

- *Guzman Family, San Marcos - General Assistance*
- *Castellon Family, San Marcos - Building Material*
- *Mauricio Calderon Martinez Family, Masatepe - Tools/Funds*
- *Aleyda Sanchez, San Marcos - English Language Classes for One Year*

Individuals:

- *Rodolfo Aburto Castellon, San Marcos - PC/Camera Equipment*
- *Fred Ulrich, Managua - Catering Equipment/Tools*
- *Jose Herrera, San Marcos - Cyber Café PC/Camera Equipment*
- *Ramon E. C. Rojas, San Marcos - Purchase of Wheel Chair*

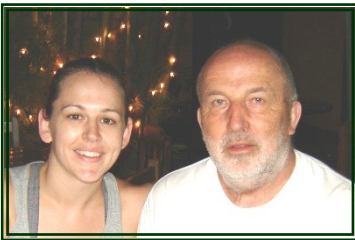
A big “THANK YOU” to

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES

For their consistent fine service in getting us and 14 pieces of luggage to Nicaragua.

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For once, clearing customs upon arrival in Managua went smoothly; not always the case.



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...it was a pleasure this year to have our daughter, Marie Louise come along to assist and because of that we actually accomplished more than was initially planned for.

Assistance was provided to: 2 Elementary Schools, 5 Senior Care Facilities, 4 Families and 4 individuals ranging from Medical and School Supplies, Food Supplies, Tools, a Dell Inspiron 8200 Laptop with Docking Station and Software, 12 Month paid Tuition for English classes and the purchase of a Wheel Chair to a recent leg amputee.

Ongoing need for these items:

Medical:

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

Other items:

- School Supplies:
Pencils, Erasers, Water Colors, Ballpoint Pens, Markers, Notebooks, Dictionaries and Atlases. Calculators - Solar Powered Only.
- Hand Tools - For all lines of work.
- Laptop or Notebook Computers.
- Computer Software: Educational and Productivity - Originals Only.
- Toys - Ages 2 to 10
- Large Suitcases or Roller Boards
- Other: Please ask us if you have something that you think might be useful.
THANK YOU.

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.

On behalf of all recipients to-date, a big...

Thank you!



The content from 14 pieces of luggage seen here prior to being distributed. We are in constant need of Medical and School Supplies. Please see listing of items needed to the left. Thank you.



From top left: Medical supplies ready for delivery along with purchased Food Items to Senior Care facility in San Marcos,, Jinotepe, Diriamba, Masaya and Granada. Bottom right: The Guzman family in San Marcos receiving clothing items.

2008 Assistance - Items and Funds: \$7,900.00.

Since 1996 - Conservative Estimate of total Support: \$64,000.00 +

*Humanitarian assistance received in 2007/ 2008 from:

Individuals:

Al-Wazzan, Christine Behrens.
Artola, Sonia & Manuel.
Bolling, Birgitta R.
Buchenot, Frank & Gerry.
Danzer, Gerald & Magdalene.
Drosos, Jerome.
Dubey, Meena.
Erwin, Arlene.
Felbinger, Robert M & Susan J.
Foster, Ellen Mason & Jeffrey.
Fredricks, Denise.
Goranson, Eva & Gordon.
Herren, Carl & Patricia.
Kittiviriya, Siri.
Maskell, Richard & Odette.
Mason, Mary E. & Robert E.
Nielsen, Jette Kofoed.
Nielsen, Leif & Valerie.
Nielsen, Marie Louise Behrens.
Orum, Peter & Irma.
Pelletiere, Dianne.
Pedersen, Paul F.
Plattenberger, William & Shirley.
Poyser, Tracy R.
Simon, Gayle N & John C.
Stern, Mona K & Mark J.
Yanz, Ray & Annette.

Businesses/Other:

Continental Airlines - Chicago

ADDISON RECYCLING - Addison, IL
Lawrence & Tom Kramer - Owner

Dr. William B. Hanaford, MD.
Park Ridge, IL

IL PECATORE, INC. - Franklin Park, IL
Vito Barbanente - Owner

Matthew 25: Ministries - Blue Ash, OH
Patty Dilg - Coordinator

SCHWEPPE - Lombard, IL
Emil Goellner,
Director of Sales & Marketing

STAPLES - Elk Grove Village, IL
Paul Whiteleather - General Manager

In Nicaragua:

Castellon, Rodolfo Aburto
Herrera, Jose & Family
Meiner, Carmen
Moreno, Rafael Ernesto Romero
Ulrich, Fred & Reyna

Fabretto Children's Foundation

Managua
Kevin Marinacci -Director
Wilder Zamora

*...If we, inadvertently,
omitted somebody from
the list, please accept our
apology and let us know, thank
you.*

If any of the above listed business entities can serve your needs,
we ask that you consider supporting them.

Thank You

We are thankful for the support that we receive on a yearly basis and the trust that we are bestowed with to assist where it is needed the most. The combined effect of what we are doing in Nicaragua does make a difference to more people than we actually think and know of. On each journey this is being brought to our attention.

There are over 200 NGO's (Non Governmental Organizations) in Nicaragua according to the US Embassy in Managua, doing humanitarian work in the country. The US Ambassador, Paul Trevelli has initiated that these NGO's should know more about each others activities and in so doing being able to support one another where possible. A great initiative in our opinion and we will have two of our people in Nicaragua attend from now on. Our most pressing issue still is the shipping aspect of humanitarian items to Nicaragua.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

"In working together, we are making a difference"

*Period from June 5, 2007 until May 19, 2008.