

Nicaragua-Direct

2012/2013



Direct Humanitarian Assistance



17th Journey.

Dates: November 1 to November 15, 2012.

It is all about the basics...

...on every journey. We are always reminded of this and being thankful for the opportunities we have to assist where help is needed so desperately. Likewise, we are thankful for the goodwill that we are bestowed and for the ability to carry on with this never ending work in Nicaragua.

To give you an idea of what we are involved with presently, I have made a listing of what is taking place right now along with what was accomplished during the last journey. During that time we were also presented with numerous requests, some of which have already been fulfilled and others are being assessed. A big thank you to our volunteers in San Marcos, Carazo and likewise to Wisconsin/ Nicaragua Partners in Stevens Point, WI and in Managua.

We try as much as possible to assist in ways where such support will have a multifaceted effect i.e. with regard to Schools, Senior Care Facilities and Medical Facilities. Ever since our beginning, the focus have been on assisting people that otherwise would not stand a chance to receive urgently needed support. One such instance was that of a gentleman that for 3 years running had been on the lookout for a set of crutches. We were able to assist him. Another, of a mother with 3 children that came and asked for money to buy food. We have always been very hesitant to accommodate situations like this unless we knew the person or family well. Here we took a chance and about 30 minutes later the person came back quite emotionally to show us what she had purchased. Now there was food for her and the family for a while. It is hard not to assist.

This year, Bob and I were fortunate to have our spouses come along to support us as well as to visit a few historical sights in Granada and Masaya. One can only come back with memories for a lifetime...



Mary Ann and Bob Anthony explaining the medical and other supplies brought to "Hogar San Antonio", an old peoples home in Masaya.



A project presently being evaluated.
Two adults and two children are living here.

In the past year we have shipped or brought with us items i.e. Clothing Material, School Books and Supplies, Blankets, Medical tape, Hygiene Items, Eye Glasses, Plumbing Supplies, Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Crutches, Laptop Computers, Software, PC-Parts, Router with Table, and Hand Tools.

It is our hope that you will continue to be part of our team efforts in Nicaragua. If you are so inclined, the opportunity exists for making a journey to Nicaragua to see for yourself how dire the situation really is.

We value any support given by stressing that One Hundred Percent of all donations goes directly to benefit the recipient's.

We are proud of that fact.

THANK YOU.



Completed requests or requests in process of being evaluated as of January 1, 2013.

C = Completed

B = Presently Being Evaluated

1.	Karla V.	Special Eye Lenses for Son.	C
2.	Mauricio C.	Tuition - College (until Dec. 31, 2013) Laptop PC - Dell	C
3.	Meyling S.	Tuition - College (until Dec 31, 2013) Laptop PC - Dell	C
4.	Claudia C.	Medicine	C
5.	Noe N.	10 Roofing Sheets & Paint	C
6.	David C.	26 Roofing Sheets, Paint, Wood & Nails	C
7.	Maria M.	15 Roofing Sheets & Paint	C
8.	Santos P.	New Roof	B
9.	Juan E.	Home addition	B
10.	Aleyda S.	Laptop PC	B

Food Items, Medical, Hygiene Items & Eye Glasses were delivered to 5 Senior Care Facilities in Carazo, Masaya and Granada.

School Supplies delivered to 4 Elementary Schools in Carazo.



Meling Suarez with Bob Anthony and Rodolfo Aburto. Meyling is a Kindergarden Teacher in San Antonio - Dolores. She is a college student herself.



A Walker being provided to an elderly lady in San Marcos, Carazo.

We have ongoing need for the items listed below:

Please help us if you can, thank you.

Medical:

- Wheel Chairs, Canes and Walkers - Hospital and other Medical Supplies - Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil (Prescription Medicine must not have expired) - Vitamin A - Bandages - Tooth Paste and Brushes - Eye Glasses and Eye Care items - Hearing Aids and Batteries.

Other items:

- Adult Diapers - School Supplies i.e. Pencils, Erasers, Water Colors, Ballpoint Pens, Markers, Notebooks - Dictionaries and Atlases - Solar Powered Calculators - Laptop or Notebook Computers - Hard Drives - PC Memory - Flat Panel Monitors - PC-Software: Educational and Productivity - Hand Tools for all lines of work - Sewing Machines/Tools/Fabric/Supplies - Culinary/Baking Equipment - Water Purification Equipment - Toys: Ages 2 to 10 (Non Battery Operated) - All forms of Sports Equipment - Soccer Balls - Large Suitcases or Roller Boards.

Other Items: Please ask us if you have something that you think might be useful, most likely it is.

Funds should be directed to:

NICARAGUA-DIRECT

234 Forest Avenue
Itasca, IL 60143-2012

It is also possible to donate using **PayPal** from our web-site, www.Nicaragua-Direct.Org. The site is also available by scanning the Bar Code on the first Page. We personally absorb the transaction fee so that the full amount will be applied to the humanitarian efforts.

Any size donation is welcome. Funds are used for direct purchases of Food, Medicine, Educational Expenses, Building Material and for any Emergency Requests that might arise during the journey.

There is no administrative expense. All expenditures associated with each trip are paid by us personally. On behalf of all recipients to-date, a big... Thank you!

For more information go to our web-site: www.Nicaragua-Direct.Org

or contact:

Jens C. B. Nielsen
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USA

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"Our Team"- From left:
Robert M. Anthony
Jens C. B. Nielsen
Rodolfo Aburto Castellon
Jose S. Herrera M. Toro

"Service Beyond Self"

*Humanitarian Assistance received in 2011/ 2012 from:

Individuals: *

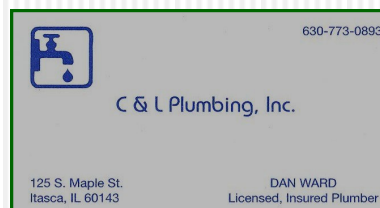
Adeler-Bjarnø, Henrik & Christine
Aiello, Anthony J.
Al-Wazzan, Christine & Noor.
Anthony, Robert & Mary Ann.
Armorer, Althea.
Artola, Sonia & Manuel.
Barlev, Pauline.
Bolling, Birgitta R.
Bumke, William.
Buchenot, Frank & Gerry.
Campbell, Anna-Clara.
Christensen, David L.
Damske, Susan L.
Danzner, Gerald and Magdalene.
Dearborn, Frederick.
Drewsen, Maureen B.
Erickson, Carol.
Felbinger, Robert & Sue.
Fischer, Richard C.
Gibby, John & Mabel.
Goranson, Eva & Gordon.
Green, William R.
Karsbæk, Rune & Barbara.
Kazlausky, Shane.
Kern, Joan.
Lane, Larry & Lucy.
Lerner, Avery & Lisa.
Maskell, Richard & Odette.
Martin, Mark & Connie.
Miller, Kristi.
Monica, Anna.
Nielsen, Jette Kofoed.
Nielsen, Marie Louise B.
Nielsen, Peter & Martha.
Olson, Jean T.
Orchard, Jim & Marge.
Ørum, Peter and Irma.
Pelletiere, Dianne.
Plattenberger, William and Shirley.
Rizzi, Steve & Becky.
Sindberg, Ole & Eva.
Soto, Rafaela.
Voss, Ronald L.
Weber, Jerry A.

...If we, inadvertently, omitted you from the list, please accept our apology and we would like to know, thank you.

Businesses: *



John R. Binneboese, Exc. Sen. V.P.



Vito Barbanente, Owner

If the above listed business entities can assist in serving your needs, we ask that you consider using their services.

Thank you.

In Nicaragua: *

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



Daily Market Scene in San Marcos, Carazo.

*Period from November 9, 2011 through November 1, 2012

To our Supporters and Friends:

We are humbled and thankful for the trust and the assistance that we receive on a yearly basis. We are extremely careful in administering the available resources and this will always be our highest priority.

NICARAGUA-DIRECT is a 100% Direct Effort Organization
No Administrative Expenses and Zero Waste.

All expenses associated with the procurement, shipping and distribution of donated items are paid by us. Likewise, all travel and lodging expenses are covered by us personally. All donations are at work 100% to the benefit the recipients. We are proud of this fact and will never do it in any other way.

To-date, we have assisted many health and senior care facilities, families, individuals and students. All are extremely grateful for the support received.

Please contact us and/or visit our web-site to be kept up-to-date about our work in Nicaragua. Should you wish, at own expense, to come along one year to assist, please contact us. It would be an experience of a lifetime!

Together, we are making a difference.

Unsolicited Comments from recipients 2012:

... Our needs are Story Books, Computers, English & Spanish Dictionaries, Pens, Pencils and Notebooks. We are always thankful for your help. Please be sure we use these items in all programs at the school.

Pedro Joaquin Chamorro School, Las Esquinas, November 06, 2012

... We have 58 residents that is permanently living here, most of them from Granada. Thank you so much for your help.

Hogar de Anciano La Providencia, Granada, November 05, 2012

... Your assistance is really important. Feeding our residents on a daily basis is one of our priorities and greatest need. We are in need of Pampers and Caskets. God bless you. .

Hogar de Anciano San Antonio, Masaya, November 05, 2012

...God bless you. The donated funds will be used for Christmas activities for homeless children in Granada. Many from La Basurera (The Dump), El Pantanal and other neighborhoods.

Casa Natal Sor, Maria Romero, Granada - November 11, 2012

... We have received these items with great appreciation to be used for our children and teachers at the center. We have many needs, for example, teaching aids such as Banners and Maps. We also need items for Sports such as Soccer Balls and Volley Balls. We need Glue, Construction Paper and Games for Pre-school kids.

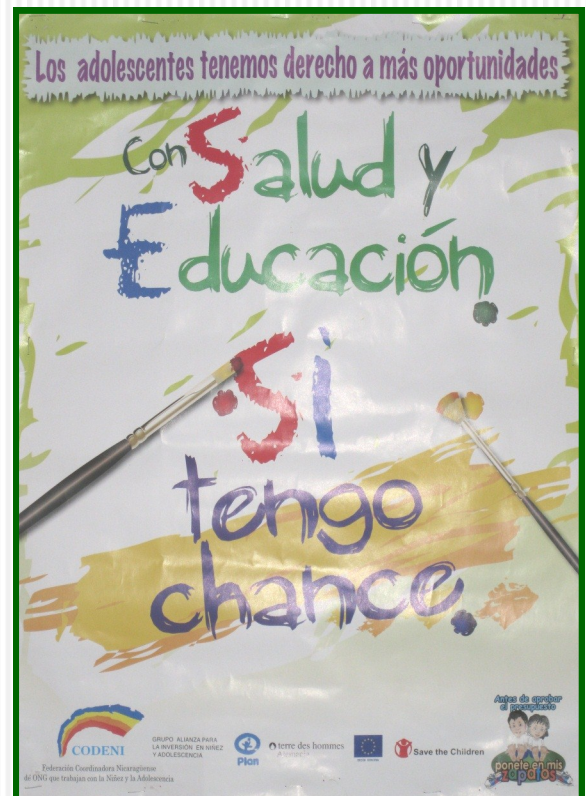
Fernando Rojas School, San Marcos, November 06, 2012

... We thank God for the blessing you brought to our school. God bless you abundantly for this. The greatest need we have are: Paper, Whiteboard Markers, Permanent Markers and Notebooks.

Rafaela Herrera School, San Marcos, November 06, 2012



Principal, Auxiliadora Guzman of the Joaquin Chamorro School in Las Esquinas, Carazo with 2 of the **1089** students being served 6 days per week in three shifts per day. Please note the comments above.



With Health and an Education -
I do have a chance!



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