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100% DIRECT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
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Service Beyond Self ~ Always!



19th Year.

Dates: January 14 to January 28, 2015.

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GREAT JOURNEY WITH MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

On this, the **19th** Humanitarian Trip to Nicaragua, we were well prepared and ready to complete our projects. This year we were asked to assist with a new and somewhat urgent project in addition to what was already planned. We managed to accomplish this by relying on our team in Nicaragua. Without the support that we receive from many sources our work would be much more challenging. Both Bob and I feel good about the outcome on this journey.

This year we experimented with the dates for our travel to possible improve our access to school administrators and teachers. We found out that it makes very little difference and therefore we will revert back to the October/November schedule starting this year.

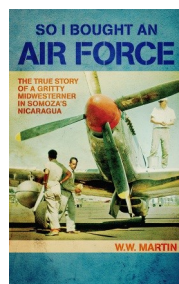
The next trip marking the **20th Humanitarian Journey** will be: **November 4th to November 18th, 2015.**

The following requests were approved since our last journey to Nicaragua: Roofing sheets - 62 (not including the school building in Las Esquinas), Eye Exam and Glasses for 10 year old with troublesome eyes., New roof (437.85 m²) including some wood and paint. We have currently a few projects on hold pending further assessment.

Food and other supplies i.e. 300 eye glasses were delivered to 5 Senior Care facilities in Diriamba, Jinotepe, San Marcos, Masaya and Granada. 4 Schools in Las Esquinas, Los Marqueses and San Marcos (2) received much needed school supplies. Please read the comments from the recipients that also serve to inform us about future needs.

Another task was to deliver a book written by a Chicagoan titled: **SO I BOUGHT AN AIR FORCE** to the Municipal Library in Chinandega. The book was inscribed by the author, Mr. Will W. Martin who had an emergency landing in 1967 on the coast about 20 miles north of Corinto. Corinto is 12 miles from Chinandega and this was during the Somoza regime in Nicaragua. The book is factual and inspiring to read.

It was well received because of its relevancy to the region and to Nicaragua's history. Corinto is a busy port city where most of our humanitarian shipments arrive before going to the WNP's warehouse in Managua for pick-up by either Rodolfo Aburto or Jose Herrera.



Bob Anthony sorting school supplies.



Student pictures at the CDI Samuel Calereo School in San Marcos.



Food Purchased for 5 Senior Care facilities ready to be delivered.

Reflections by Robert M. Anthony on the 2014/15 Humanitarian Journey:

We want to thank friends, family, and in some cases businesses that have supported our efforts to help others. They place a trust in us to use those funds wisely and we strive to maintain that trust. We are always thankful for a trip that provided few hurdles in getting supplies to Nicaragua and in delivering those supplies. Our ability to do that is due in no small part to two families, Jose Herrera and his extended family, and Rodolfo Aburto Castellon and his family. Jose is involved with our transportation and translating with recipients. Rodolfo also is important with transportation and helping us to identify specific needs. Rodolfo's family helped us to identify the essential supplies needed to replace the school roof and helped to organize community members to complete the roof replacement prior to the beginning of the school year (their school year begins in February and ends in November). This continues to be a group effort to help families in Nicaragua and we are very grateful for all those who participate.



One of the visited schools this year. As can be seen repairs are needed. Presently we are researching the feasibility of this as well as updating their computers. Only 5 out of 12 PC's are currently working. We have in the past shipped flat-panel Monitors and Desktops to Nicaragua but we are also exploring local resources.

Also, with us this year were Natalie Alexandra Szulyk and Marie Louise B. Nielsen. This enabled us to bring more humanitarian supplies to Nicaragua as well as they assisted us with the distribution etc. Thanks to both.

Natalie and Marie also made time to visit San Juan del Sur, a resort town on the Pacific Coast near to Costa Rica for a few days prior to returning to the United States. Bob and I look forward to seeing them again in Nicaragua.



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We have an ongoing need for these items:

Items that are underlined are in greatest demand. Please also read the recipients comments with regard to need, thank you.

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

Other items: Adult Diapers, School Supplies (e.g., Pencils, Erasers, Water Colors, Ballpoint Pens, Markers, Notebooks, Dictionaries and Atlases, Solar Powered Calculators, Laptops or Notebook Computers, Hard Drives, PC Memory, Flat Panel Monitors, 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 Sporting Equipment (Soccer Balls, etc.) and Roller Boards. Other Items: Please ask us.

Funds should be directed to: NICARAGUA-DIRECT, 234 Forest Avenue, Itasca, IL 60143-2012 -USA

PayPal from our web-site, www.Nicaragua-Direct.Org can also be used. The site is also available by scanning the **QR Code** on the first page. We personally absorb any transaction fee so the full amount contributed 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.

It is important for us to point out that there are no administrative expenses.

All expenditures associated with each trip are paid by us personally.



Arrival in Managua on 14 January 2015.

On behalf of all recipients to-date, a huge ... **Thank you!**

For more information go to our web-site:
www.Nicaragua-Direct.org or contact us at:

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2014 Assistance - Goods and Funds: \$18,000.00* - Total since 1996 : \$153,000.00*

*Conservative Estimation

*Humanitarian Assistance received in 2013/ 2014 from:

Individuals: *

Adeler-Bjarnø, Birthe & Claus
Ailabouni, Helen & Saïd
Al-Wazzan, Christine & Noor
Alt, Jerry
Anthony, Robert & Mary Ann
Armorer, Althea
Artola, Sonia & Manuel
Asmund, Erik
Baker, Nancy
Barlev, Pauline
Barnard, Elaine & David
Bibly, Carol
Bondi, Thomas F.
Burgwald, Jan
Bøgehegn, Nora & Per
Campbell, Anna-Clara
Danzer, Magdalene & Gerald
Dearborn, Rick
DeCarlo, Liz
Doherty, Patrick
Drewsen, Maureen B.
Dubey, Meena
Erwin, Aline H.
Felbinger, Robert & Sue
Fischer, Richard C.
Foster, Ellen M. & Jeffrey D.
Gibby, Mabel & John
Goranson, Eva & Gordon
Grantner, Marilyn
Green, William R.
Halminiak, Jay, P.T., CSCS.
Hart, Jim
Henriksen, Toni
Herren, Patte & Carl
Jacobsen, Peter
Karsbæk, Barbara, Rita & Rune
Kozlowski, Sharon & David
Knecht, Ellen E. & John
Lane, Lucy G. & Larry G.
Maskell, Odette & Richard
Martin, Patricia & Will
Martin, Roberta D. & Glenn A.
Martin, Suzanne C.
Mayr, Diane
McKay, Marsha & Rick
Miller, Kristi
Monica, Anna
Nespor, Anne M.
Nielsen, Valerie D. & Leif
Nielsen, Jette Kofoed
Nielsen, Marie Louise B.
Okrzesik, Kathy & Randy J.
Orchard, Marge & Jim
Oviyack, Therese & Ray
Pao, Karina & Daryl
Pedersen, Cynthia & Lars
Pao Lindo, Karina & Daryl
Pedersen, Paul
Riordan, Larry & Mieng

Sheaffer, Ellen & Larry
Sindberg, Eva & Ole
Smith, Linda H.
Szulyk, Natalie Alexandra
Tripicchio, Joan & Mike
Tuchscherer, Mary & Ernie
Walter, Hazel P.
Weichselbaum, Hart F.
Zack, Mary & Dan
Zimmer, Diane & John
Ørum, Irma & Peter

...If inadvertently, your name was omitted you from the list, please accept our apology and we would like you to know that we are grateful for your support. Thank you.

We are thankful and appreciative of the support we receive year after year. The trust that have been placed in us we take very seriously.

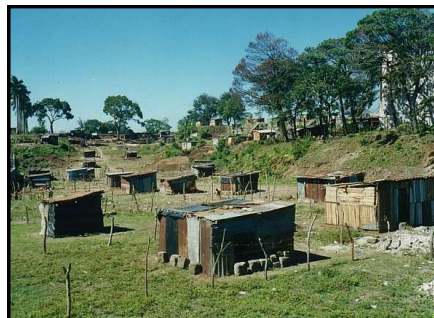
This along with the support from our trusted team in Nicaragua. Without them we would not be able to do as much as we set out to do on each journey. Thank you.

Together, we are doing great and changing many lives in the process. Both Bob Anthony and myself do not believe that any greater calling exist.

Thank you for being part of this!

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with questions, concerns and/or ideas.

**Together,
"We are making a difference"**



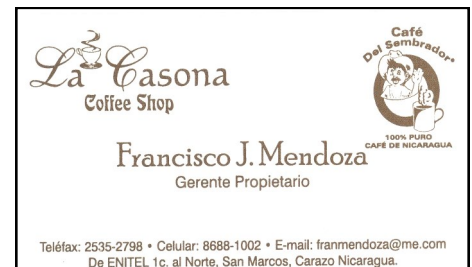
*Period from December 1, 2013 through January 3, 2015.

In Nicaragua: *

Aburto Castellon, Rodolfo & Family
Herrera, Jose & Family



Mirna Angulo M. - Administrator
Moisés Guillen - Coordinator



Businesses: *



John R. Binneboese
Senior Vice President



3400 N. River Rd. - Franklin Park, IL
Vito Barbanente, Owner

If these business can assist in serving your needs, we ask that you consider using their services.

Thank you.

Comments from recipients 2014/2015:

... Thank you because you always come by and by having the best interest in mind for our seniors. We are grateful. We have ongoing needs as we have mentioned before for items such as adult pampers, milk, cleaning supplies, gloves, wheel chairs, walkers, toilet seats and medicine like ointments and pain relievers.

Dr. Augustin Sanchez, Jinotepe, January 16, 2015

... Hands that give will never be empty. We are always thankful for your help. Your donations are always needed and greatly appreciated. Our roof is still in need of repair.

**Horizontes Hogar de Ancianos,
San Marcos, January 16, 2015**

... On behalf of our residents and especially those that are 60 years or older, we are greatly pleased and thankful. We still need walkers, crutches, wheel chairs as well as medicine for pain relief and flu-medicine.

La Purisima, Diriamba, January 17, 2015

... Thank you for your help. We are always in need of food items, adult pampers, towels, hygiene items and burial caskets. We hope that you can help us with the cement walkway that you looked at. God bless you.

**Hogar de Anciano San Antonio,
Masaya, January 17, 2015**

... First of all, thanks to God and to the Nicaragua-Direct foundation for this work they do to the benefit of the most needed ones as well as helping the centers that faces ongoing challenges. We feel blessed every time you visit us. Thank you.

**Hogar de Anciano La Providencia,
Granada, January 17, 2015**

... The school supplies that you donated will be used in all grades from pre-school to high school level. One of our school buildings is in a very bad shape. With school starting soon we do not know what to do. We would also still like to build a small room to accommodate the school's administration as well as to store the food provided to the school. Anything you might be able to do to assist us will be much appreciated.

**Pedro Joaquin Chamorro School,
Las Esquinas, January 21, 2015**

... Greatly thankful for the assistance received which will be very helpful for our students. We need illustrative material to create a friendlier learning environment. Thank you.

**Fernando Rojas Zuniga School
San Marcos, January 22, 2015**

... Thank you for your help. If in the future you can assist us, we need milk, cereals and other food products if possible.

**CDI Samuel Calero - Kindergarten School
San Marcos, January 22, 2015**

... On behalf of the community, we thank you for this donation. We always expect your support to help those students with economic difficulties. NOTE: We request your help to fix some computers in our computer lab as well as much needed supplies for our teachers i.e. markers, staplers, pens, notebooks and more. God bless you for coming to our school as often as you do.

**Rafaela Herrera School, Los Marqueses
San Marcos, January 23, 2015**



2014/2015 SNAP SHOTS...

