

Somos Ohana Nicaragua Plan for 2011

- **Provide building materials and master bricklayer for Los Laureles to help community volunteers build a preschool and classrooms for primary grade students;**
- **Add a solar pump, tank, & water lines to the community well in Rincon de Garcia to provide potable water to the school and 40 families in the vicinity;**
- **Provide medical and school supplies;**
- **Cooperate with the mayor, doctors, nurses, and teachers in their community development efforts;**
- **Assist with transportation costs for those who need cancer treatments, and students who live**

Somos Ohana Nicaragua is a non-profit corporation: Section 501 (c) (3), registered in Hawaii. Donations are tax deductible.

Cesar Torres

was a recipient of the transportation fund for cancer patients. He died 8/31/10. This flyer is dedicated to the memory of a dear friend and his family.



Will you help us?

Scholarships to the Universidad de Nicaragua for 4 students; cost per student, per year \$500

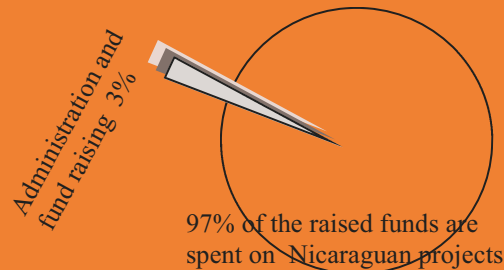
Construction of primary school in Los Laureles II \$21,000

Transportation costs for volunteer workers to get to work sites in Nicaragua \$2,500

Bikes for students of Mayocunda who live a long distance from the secondary school \$400

Solar water pump, tank, cable, and panels for secondary school and 40 families in Rincon de Garcia. \$20,000
(The Mayor of Villanueva will contribute the pipelines, and the community will provide volunteer labor.)

Distribution of Funds: 2010



Please contribute what you can. We and the Nicaraguan people are grateful for your kindness and generosity. For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, please contact Charlotte or Dan Flavin at the address listed below.

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2010 Program Report

In Brief



**Helping improve the lives of
people in rural communities of
Nicaragua**

Since 1999

Health Care

- More than 50 pounds of donated medical supplies were delivered to the clinics in Villanueva and the Maternal-Infant Hospital in Chinandega.
- 16 cancer patients received assistance to pay for transportation to get to treatments, procedures, and follow-up exams in Managua, Leon, and Chinandega. An annual support group luncheon in Villanueva is an occasion for patients to meet one another, offer encouragement, and celebrate their survival.
- Jim Kahler, volunteer physical therapist from Maui, did follow up care for 48 children and adults, as well as initiated therapy with 15 new clients in Villanueva and 9 surrounding villages. This is Jim's 4th year as a volunteer. Barbara Ann Benton and Miriam Smith, teachers' assistants from Hana, Maui shared their Aloha, music, and caring touch for people with special needs.



Above: Jim engaged with 5-year-old Israelito.

Education

- After 2 years of “tilling” the relationship between the community of Rancho Pando and donors, construction began on the pre-school for 35 children. By the end of September, the multi-purpose classroom also will serve as a consult/treatment room when public health teams visit, and as a temporary shelter for families if disaster occurs. Below: children deliver sand to the construction site in Rancho Pando.



- Mayocunda's primary school received a major reconstruction boost with community volunteers and a master builder. New metal roof beams, larger windows, freshly painted stucco walls with new tile flooring will greet the teachers and students when they return in October. At present some of the classes are being held in an old chicken coop while others study under the trees.
- Two more bikes enabled the newest students from Mayocunda, the most distant village, to attend secondary school classes regularly. A third bike was purchased for a 20-year-old man, with a degenerative neuro-muscular disease to continue his employment delivering firewood to local families in El Bonete.
- A scholarship fund helps 4 university students who have ability, financial need, and willingness to perform community service.

Mele Stokesberry, a retired teacher from Maui, purchased and organized almost 100 books for the new library at the Jose Dolores Estrada School in Rincon de Garcia. 120 students and 6 teachers will benefit. Below: teachers celebrate the opening of the Library with Mele.



Community Development

- Petitions for projects are initiated by the communities. Meetings are held to ensure that the people are committed to providing most of the man-power and oversight.
- Working with the nurses, health care workers, and parent advocates assures that the health needs are correctly identified and donated resources are used for the most needy families and communities.
- Home visits in town and distant communities allow us to see the reality and strengthen our solidarity and commitment to the people of Nicaragua. Their well-being strengthens our well-being, their suffering becomes our suffering.
- Mayor Juan Gomez proposed that we work together on some education and infrastructure goals. We hope to cooperate in providing a solar-powered water system for the community and secondary school in Rincon de Garcia.