



SOMOS OHANA NICARAUGA

2008

"Love your neighbor as yourself"



**Imagine being in our
neighbor's shoes**

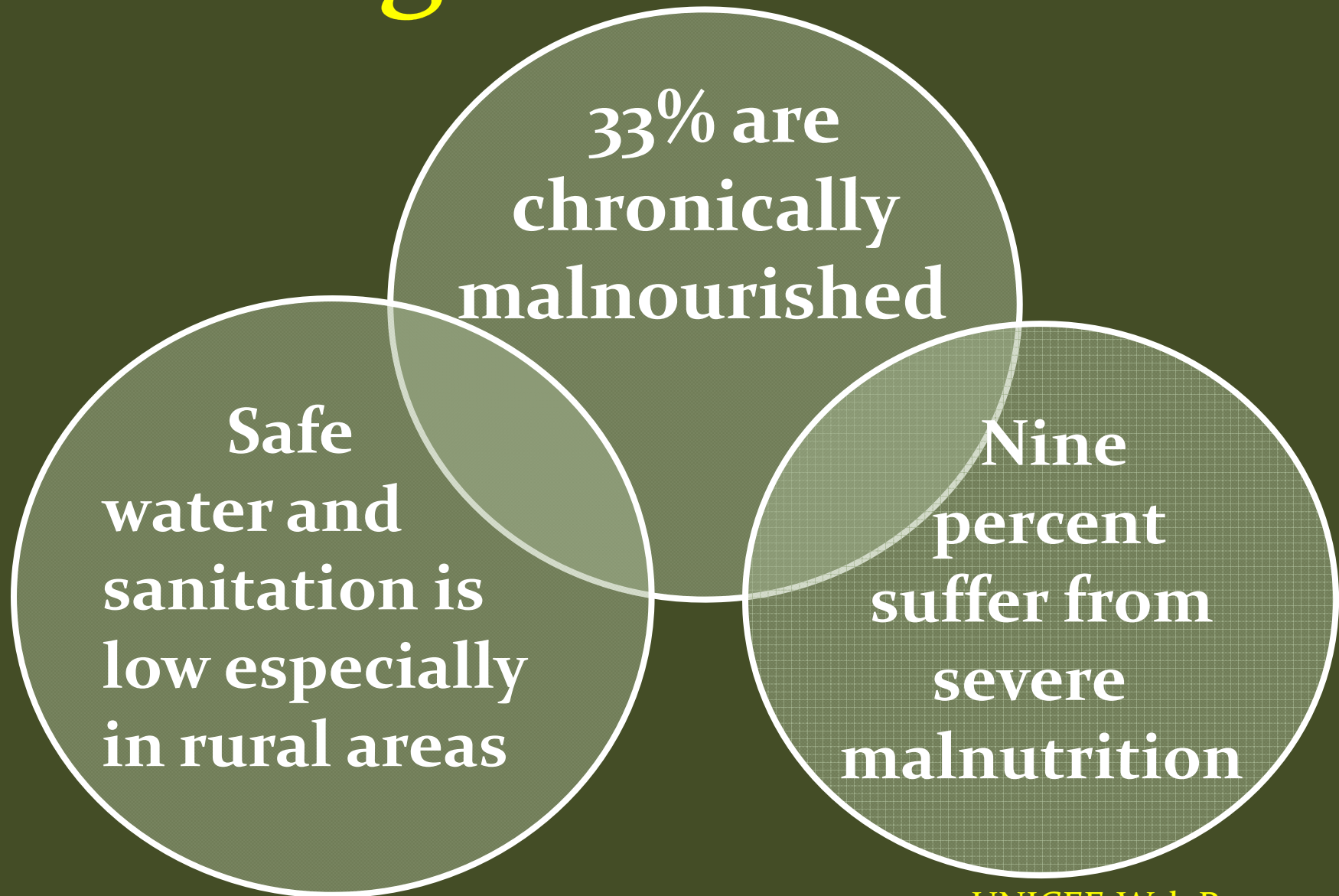
**Let us treat them as we
would want to be treated**



Nicaragua



Nicaragua's Children





Installing tower
and tank for
solar powered
system



Solar water
system
completed
August 2007







Cañafistola Primary School





Pen Pals







Carlos David Hernandez



Nicaraguan Housing

2008: deficit of 500,000
housing units

Result
of:

Extreme
levels of
poverty

Insecurity
of land
tenure

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Donnaires' Family Home







Give us this day
our daily bread







MARIA ELENA- TEACHER



Primary School

Only 29% complete primary

Limited access to early childhood interventions

Average 10.3 years to complete six years of primary school

Quality education significant problem

Only 79% of children enrolled





Site for Instituto
Jose Dolores Estrada
Secondary School, Rincon Garcia

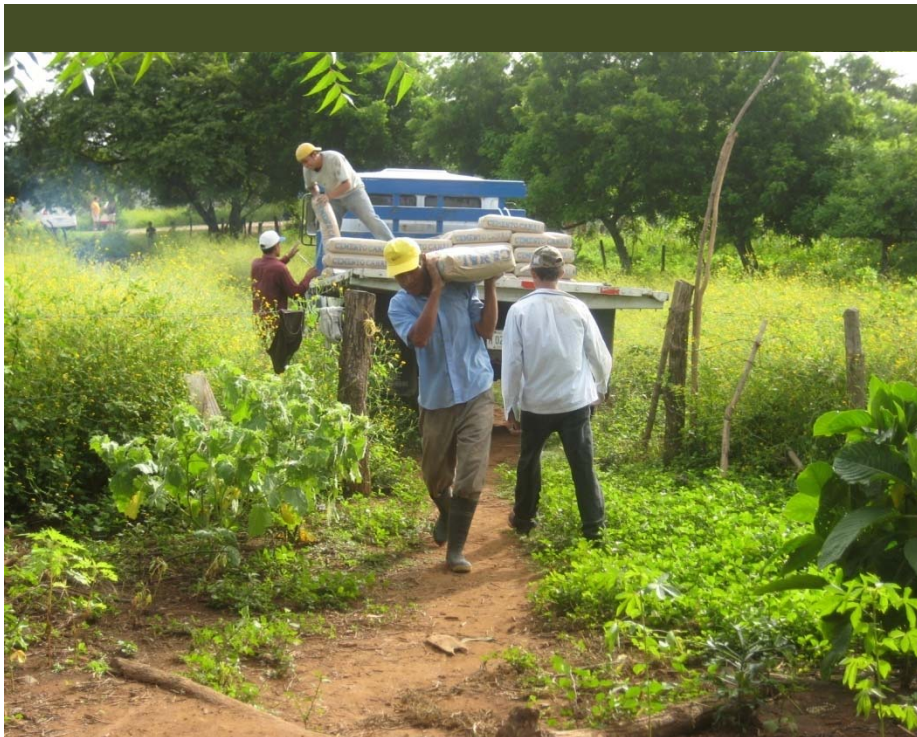




**Scheduling Parent Volunteers for
Construction**



Nicaragua's Hope
for the future



Cement delivery
and storage





Sweat equity! Nicaraguan women from the campo work just as hard as the men!







Water Bucket Brigade

Teachers help out, too





Poverty

Highest among rural populations



68% live in poverty



27% live in extreme poverty



Median income covers only
24% of basic food basket



LISTA DE PRECIOS DE ENABAS.

Productos Disponibles:

	Precios	
- Arroz	- C\$ 5:50	libra
- Frijol Rojo	- C\$ 10:00	II
- Frijol Negro	- C\$ 6:00	libra
- Aceite	- C\$ 35:00	litro
- Maíz	- C\$ 3:00	libra

Horario de Atención

- 7:00 AM a 12:00 MD
- 1:00 PM a 5:00 PM.

Les Esperamos.

**Empresa Nacional de
Comidas Basicas**

**Cost of basic
foods doubled in
one year**




Marta Osorio, Cook for Volunteers





The walls begin



The walls are up to the windows as of August 2008

A large group of primary school students are gathered in a schoolyard. They are standing under the shade of several large, leafy trees. The students are dressed in various school uniforms, including white shirts, dark skirts, and blue trousers. Some students are wearing orange shirts. The ground is dirt, and there are some small plants and fallen leaves scattered around. In the background, a building is partially visible. The overall scene is a typical schoolyard gathering.

Students at Primary School Site, Mina de Agua





Outdoor Classroom



Graduating Class 2008 & Science Teacher:
Carlos Meza

Nicaraguan Children



Only 5% of disabled children receive appropriate support

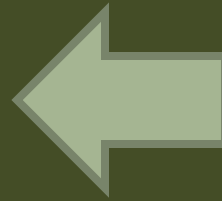
Emerging issues of concern

- Child and adolescent sexual exploitation
- Drug use
- Violence

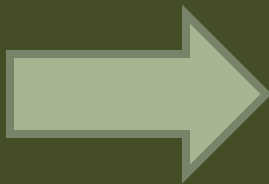


Aracelis Gomez

Stroller gift—
4 years ago



New stroller
gift on 10th
birthday





Elvin Daniel Alvarez

Roller toy to
develop
leg muscles



Rosita Caseres

8 years old with Down's
Syndrome learning to
walk



Flor de Maria Escalante





Los Pipitos - Catching bus to Chinandega





Que divertido!







Sign language teacher



Yessinia Margarita
Hernandez



These 2 girls who are deaf are communicating with sign language.





Marcial Ramirez

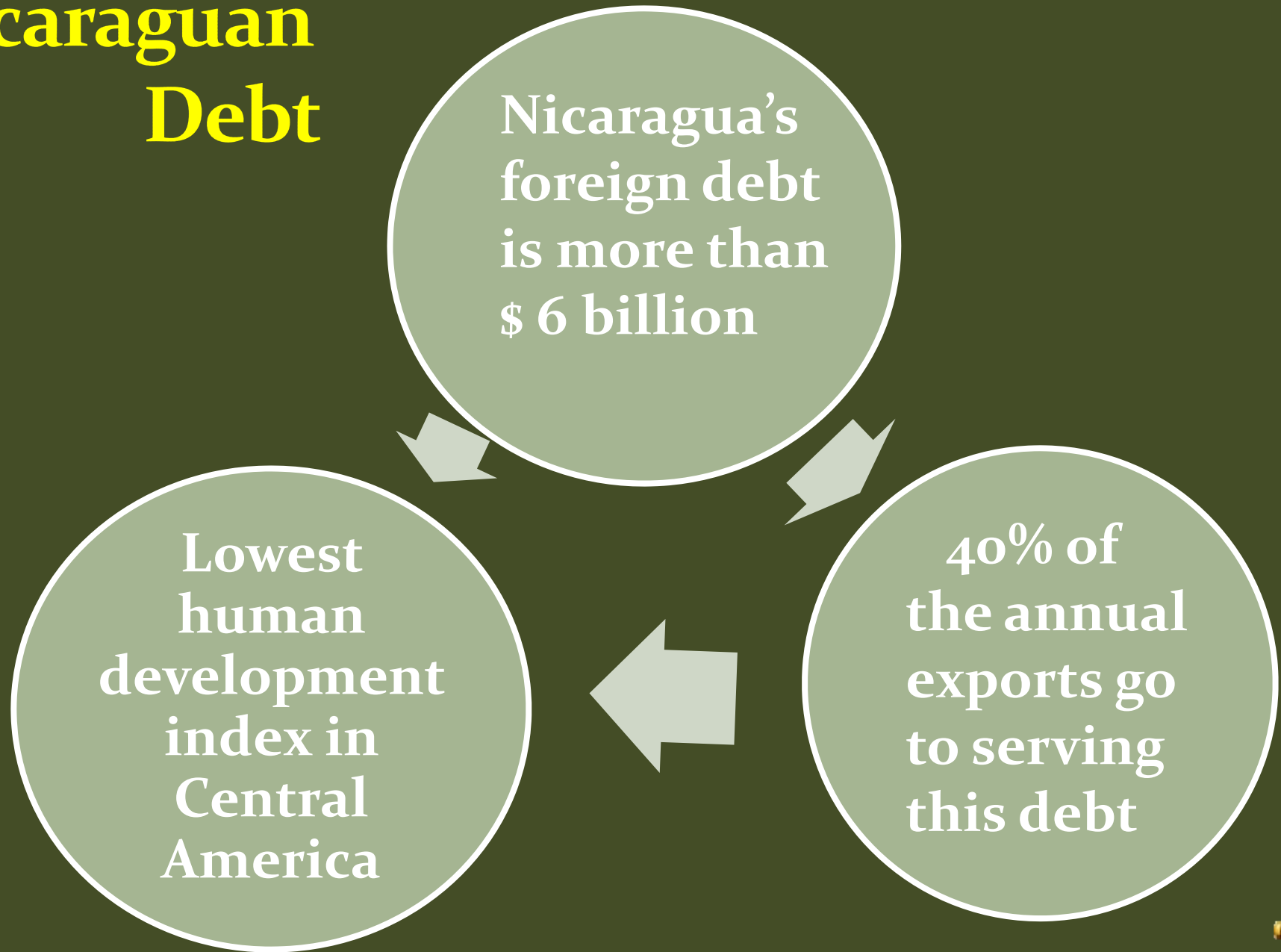
We brought him a walker



In gratitude his wife
gave us a chicken



Nicaraguan Debt



Employment

Staggering
53%
of
population
unemployed

Underemployed
unknown

Except for
Haiti, highest
proportion of
malnourished
people (29%)
in the
Americas





**Are they
hungry ?**

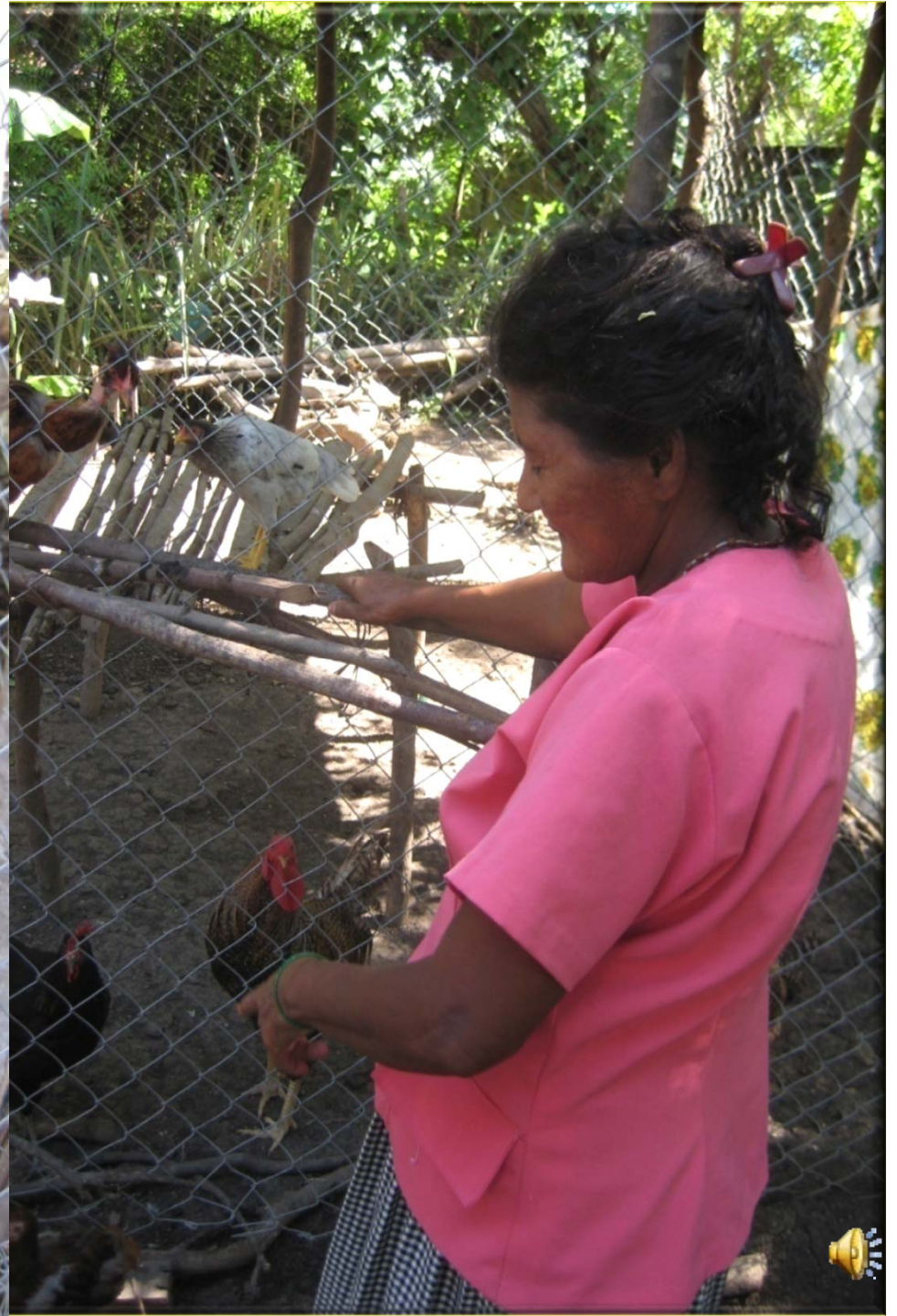
**Let us
think !**

**And we
give them**

**Something
to eat.**

Word of Life – Chiara Lubich







Lorenzo Salgado and parents



Miguel & Magdalena Machado & family







**Children
with
leukemia
celebrating
their
birthdays.**





Cancer Patients



Nicaraguan children

Start
working
soon after
they can
walk

Carrying firewood
Caring for animals
Caring for siblings
Washing clothes
Working in fields
Selling things



Nicaraguan School Reality

2.1 million children of school age



50% of the total population of Nicaragua is under 15 years old



40% do not attend school



80% of students have no textbooks





Future Projects ?

Rancho Pando
Pre-school



Los Laureles
Primary School



Mayocunda
High School



A large, abstract stone sculpture made of several heavy, rectangular blocks, arranged in a way that suggests a person in a state of distress or labor. The sculpture is set in a garden with green grass and a brick wall in the background. On the wall, there is a mural of a person in blue pants and a white shirt, carrying a large bundle on their back. The text is overlaid on the image in a red, serif font.

"The fruit of silence is prayer,
The fruit of prayer is faith,
The fruit of faith is love,
The fruit of love is service,
The fruit of service is peace."

Mother Teresa

