

Dear Friends,

2012 was a busy year with ups and downs. Overall the organic crops cooperative (COPROEXNIC) has accomplished great strides in moving towards independence and was nominated by the Exporters Association of Nicaragua for exporter of the year! The health clinic greatly expanded its community education and started a dental program designed to see an additional 1,200 children from feeding centers in Nueva Vida twice a year.

We dealt with the sadness and anger resulting from the end of the spinning plant cooperative (Genesis), mainly due to lack of machinery caused by the U.S. broker accepting payment of \$150,000 from us (which we had borrowed) and then never delivering the machinery. We are slowly paying off that loan with money paid to the Center in monthly rent from COPROEXNIC. We have lawyers working with us in not only the CDCA's on-going suit against Coker International but also helping us defend against Coker's more recent counter-suit. Our lawyers also filed another suit last year for damages on behalf of Genesis and COPROEXNIC, as affected third parties, as they are the ones who were truly hurt.

Without your gifts we could not have accomplished what we did. Your gifts keep the work going... please read below and see all the wonderful things YOU helped accomplish with your gifts in 2012.

- We met our **3-year goal of having \$1 million in the Vida Fund** by the end of 2012!
- With loans going out and being repaid throughout 2012 **we loaned \$1,494,699.62 to COPROEXNIC**, mostly for credits to farmers! Wow! We **also loaned \$8,453.09 to small businesses**.
- We gave the members of Genesis \$2,000 each when they left the cooperative in acknowledgement and appreciation for their work.
- **COPROEXNIC now has 3 full-time staff, a part-time accountant, and seasonal workers in the gin and cattle feed** (more on that later). They bought 2 work trucks and a cargo truck.
- **We helped COPROEXNIC export 4 containers of organic cotton...** 124,000 pounds from 2011's crop. This year's organic cotton, coming in right now, is from **over 500 acres**.
- **The gin employed 18 full-time workers for 5 months** ginning 6 containers of organic and conventional cotton.
- COPROEXNIC, with our help, **exported 27 containers of sesame**, most of them organic... **1.1 million pounds!**
- Together, we have **1,200 acres of organic peanuts planted**, soon to be harvested.
- Together, we **exported 29,400 pounds of organic coffee** to two buyers.
- We hosted **6 different groups of buyers** from Once Again Nut Butter, Nuts to You, Their-Bucks Coffee, and a Japanese buyer. Many buyers came to negotiate face-to-face with the growers.
- **César**, then later in the year **Mike**, **attended in the U.S. meetings** of the **Domestic Fair Trade Association**, a recently formed organization looking at the issue of fair trade.
- In the **Nueva Vida Health Clinic**, we **treated 7,398 patients...28% were 5 years and under**. These patients were seen by two part-time physicians and volunteer physicians.
- **1,690 were seen by a volunteer orthopedist** who sees patients 2 mornings a week. Through a grant's funding, our orthopedist was able to inject 2 or 3 treatments of hyaluronic acid into 7 patients' knees and **they are now walking and bicycling!**
- We gave out treatment and medicines for **9,484 conditions and diseases**. **36% involved pain with adults**, both chronic and acute pain; **10% asthma** (of that **80% were children**); and **30% were treated for chronic conditions** like type II diabetes and hypertension, as well as others.
- Our nurse made **bi-weekly home visits to the homes of 23 elderly or home-bound patients**.
- **Our laboratory completed 2,563 tests for the clinic and we did approximately 1,000 tests outside the lab**. We sent out close to 200 PAP tests to be read in a different laboratory and began the process of developing a working relationship with the Ortiz Gudián Foundation, which works with women's cancers here.
- In November, we began our program with ORPHANetwork **to see 1,200 children twice a year in our dental clinic**.
- Our **half-time dentist**, a full-time (for the past 3 months) hygienist, and volunteer dentists **saw 966 patients** (23% were under the age of 12 years) and performed **1,620 procedures**. **Our dentist also gave classes on good oral hygiene to 747 students**.

- Our **one-morning-a-week eye correction clinic** saw **508 patients** and gave out **610 pairs of glasses**.
- Our health promoter was out sick a third of this year, but we still did the following:
 - **Started a new mother's group** that, at the end of the year, included **32 mothers and 17 babies** who are accompanied by the nurse and lay health promoters
 - Continued **4 asthma support groups for parents** of children with asthma
 - **Gave 7 different health classes in the schools reaching over 800 students**
 - Started an HIV program with the help of volunteer health professionals
 - **Maintained the nebulizers and first aid kits in the homes of lay health promoters**
 - **Held 16 health trainings on topics of diabetes, sexual health, family planning, etc.**
- We worked with other organizations in Nueva Vida **to build a police station in Nueva Vida** so that police would patrol the *barrio* and hopefully reduce the violence there.
- **We continued the cattle feed project** that hired **6 part-time people** and bought an **oil press** for getting the most out of the cotton and sesame wastes.
- We **started a new concrete paving stone and block-making business** that has employed 3 people for 2 months.
- **We hosted 10 delegations** that stayed from 5 – 15 days, even with 4 cancellations of groups due to economic hardships on their side.
- **We hosted 31 volunteer medical and dental professionals in the clinic.**
- **Three speaking tours encompassed 18 states in the U.S. for 107 speaking engagements as well as an additional 9 speaking events in Ireland and Northern Ireland.**
- We **hosted 26 groups from other organizations** based here in Nicaragua, speaking about and showing them our work.
- We hosted **12 individual volunteers** from a week to over a year.
- **We increased our Nicaraguan staff salaries.** Including the clinic professional staff salaries and benefits, the total overall of Nicaraguan salaries for 22 people is now **\$140,000 annually**; we hope to increase their wages again.
- Once each quarter we sent out approximately 14,000 newsletters with more than 38% going by email.
- Our **on-line giving increased by 23%** even though there was an **overall decrease of 27% in cash contributions** to the general budget. **Almost half of our on-line gifts are monthly or quarterly pledges.** Your gifts are extremely important!

Enclosed is a slip tallying your generous gifts to the Center for Development in Central America, a project of the Jubilee House Community, Inc. Please review it for accuracy (we are only human ☺) and feel free to use it for your taxes.

The Jubilee House Community, Inc., has 501(c)(3) status in the United States and Mission International status in Nicaragua.

If you want more information, please ask us for our 2012 year-end booklet and we will send it to you. We hope you see what wonders you have helped bring about, because without **YOU** this would not have happened...truly.

Gratefully for the Community,

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