

Dear Friends,

2013 was a year of accomplishments and setbacks (what we like to call the Nicaragua 4 step...2 steps forward and one step backwards and one to the side). Even though COPROEXNIC, the organic agriculture project, had huge peanut and sesame crops, there was financial loss due to the failure of the outside processing plants and the shipping line grossly mishandling the crops. Together with COPROEXNIC, we have been working for eight months to obtain the lease from the government for the only functioning sesame processing plant in Nicaragua, an ongoing process. Together we also have managed to locate a much better peanut processor.

We have continued to do battle on legal fronts: The woman who tried to take our land in 2008, Yelba Carvajal, lost in the Managua courts and is suing us again, only this time in the Ciudad Sandino courts... and yes, that's legal. We are still working with the Wake Forest Law Center to try to recuperate money that was paid to Jack Coker for spinning plant machinery which he never delivered. We have a tentative court date in July 2014.

BUT despite all these frustrations we have made great strides in other areas and without your gifts we could not have accomplished what we did. Please read below and see all the wonderful things that YOU helped accomplish with your 2013 gifts.

- With the funds in the **Vida Fund we were able to make loans in 2013 of \$790,995.01.** (FYI: loans made to date from the Vida Fund are over \$1.5 million! Most are credits to small farmers.)
- **Loan payments and interest received in 2013 was \$436,174.48.**
- **COPROEXNIC added an administrator, which brings them to 4 full-time staff, a part-time accountant, and seasonal workers in the gin.**
- **We helped COPROEXNIC export 5 containers of organic cotton...** 139,618 pounds from 2013's crop. This year's organic cotton, coming in right now, is from **560 acres.**
- **The gin employed 25 full-time workers for 3 months** ginning 5 containers of organic and conventional cotton.
- COPROEXNIC, with our help, **exported 23 containers of sesame**, most of them organic... **982,500 pounds!**
- Together, we **exported 16 containers of organic peanuts... 836,000 pounds.** Unfortunately some were rejected and most had to be blanched costing additional fees, all due to the above mentioned problems.
- Together, we **exported 38,800 pounds of organic coffee** to two buyers.
- We hosted **different groups of buyers** from Once Again Nut Butter, Nuts to You, Their-Bucks Coffee, and Maggie's Organics. Many buyers came to negotiate face-to-face with the growers. Lloyd from OANB has been in and out of Nicaragua helping us deal with the mess with the processing plants.
- **Mike** went to Boston to meet with other representatives in the **Domestic Fair Trade Association** on developing more fair trade certification guidelines that benefit the farmers more.
- In the **Nueva Vida Health Clinic**, we **treated 10,441 patients... 15% were new patients and 22% were 5 years old and under.** These patients were seen by two part-time physicians, a full-time radiologist (June-December), and volunteer physicians.
- We obtained a donated **portable ultrasound** machine and our radiologist performed **55 ultrasound exams** in the last 6 weeks.
- **A volunteer orthopedist saw 2,218 patients** 2 mornings a week. Through a grant's funding, our orthopedist was able to inject 8 treatments of hyaluronic acid into 4 patients' knees and surgically repair an arm.
- We gave out treatment and medicines for **16,544 conditions and diseases.** This is an increase from last year by 174%!
- At the clinic **we hired a new part-time general physician, a full-time administrator, a full-time radiologist** (who also fills in during the hours our other part-time doctors are not there), **and an additional cleaning staff member.**
- **We rebooted our chronic care program...**we have 144 patients in the program. They come for monthly check-ups, medications, and monthly meetings to learn about diet, exercise, taking the medications properly and giving each other support. Most have type 2 diabetes but we also have hypertensive patients and patients with Parkinson's and thyroid issues.

- Pat, our part-time **counselor, saw 271 clients...** 37% were from the ages of 6 to 12 years.
- **Our laboratory completed 3,155 tests in the clinic for 1,602 patients (almost a third referred from other clinics) and we did approximately 1,000 additional tests outside the lab.** We sent out 336 PAP tests to be read by a pathologist. We added H Pylori blood tests and began curing patients with the bacteria. We hosted a volunteer lab technician from Belgium who is working with us for 6 months.
- We continued our program with ORPHANetwork **to see 1,200 children twice a year in our dental clinic.**
- **Our dentist became full-time in June. In August we hired a full-time dental assistant.** Our full-time hygienist was out on maternity leave for the last quarter. All of them and volunteer dentists **saw 2,619 patients** (46% were under the age of 12 years) and performed **4,413 procedures** (51% were preventive care [cleanings and sealants] and only 11% were extractions...this is amazing for Nicaragua!).
- Our dental clinic has been **opened for 7 years;** and **46% of all new patients** were added in 2013.
- **Our dental staff incorporated teaching** in their care on the importance of good oral hygiene and also gave **17 classes on good oral hygiene to 1,448 children in feeding centers.**
- Our **one-morning-a-week eye correction clinic saw 320 patients** and gave out **441 pairs of glasses.** In 2013 they also took glasses and successfully examined eyes in a remote rural community.
- Our community outreach and health education included the following:
 - **Continued the new mother's group** and included classes on pregnancy, labor and birth as well as family planning.
 - **Increased our lay health promoters from 23 to 32** and included promoters in **3 rural communities.**
 - Provided **4 trainings on HIV and did limited HIV testing.**
 - **Maintained the nebulizers and first aid kits in the homes of lay health promoters.**
 - **Held 59 different health trainings** on topics of diabetes, sexual health, family planning, etc. for **1,198 participants.**
 - **Surveyed the Nueva Vida barrio of 12,000 re family planning and started offering free family planning.**
- **We hosted 12 delegations** that stayed from 6 – 19 days.
- **We hosted 36 volunteer medical and dental professionals in the clinic.**
- **Four speaking tours encompassed 17 states in the U.S. for 175 speaking engagements.**
- **We hosted 22 groups from other organizations** based here in Nicaragua, speaking about and showing them our work.
- We hosted **36 individual volunteers** from a week to over a year.
- **We significantly increased our Nicaraguan staff salaries.**
- Once each quarter we sent out over 14,500 newsletters with more than 40% going by email.
- Our **on-line pledged giving increased by 17%. NOTE: Your gifts are extremely important! Three-fourths of our cash donations are \$100 or less.**

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 because sometimes we do make entry errors.

Should you care to use this for tax purposes, know that 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 2013 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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