

Dear Friends,

In 2014 the CDCA celebrated being in Nicaragua for 20 years! We shared Top 20 Accomplishments of the last 20 Years in our blogs (if you are interested, see <http://jhc-cdca.blogspot.com/2014/12/givingtuesday-20-years20-dollars.html>). It was a good exercise for us: in the day-to-day grind it is hard for us to recognize when goals are actually met because there is always so much more to do.

This year was no different. Even though we have made great strides in many areas, too many needs remain. **Without your gifts the work could not go on.** Please read below and see all the wonderful things that YOU helped accomplish with your 2014 gifts. Please consider continuing to support the work of the CDCA in 2015 as we work in partnership with Nicaraguans to lift the crushing weight of poverty and disease.

- **COPROEXNIC, the organic agriculture cooperative, leased the sesame processing plant, employing 21 workers.**
- The **sesame plant has undergone tremendous renovations** to make it a world class processing plant.
- The **Vida Fund was able to make loans of \$526,140 in 2014.** (FYI: In the last 20 years we have loaned out \$5.3 million! Most were credits to small farmers.)
- **Loan payments and interest received in 2014 were \$1,034,832.**
- **We helped COPROEXNIC export 4 containers of organic cotton...** 128,403 pounds from 2013's crop. This year's organic cotton, coming in right now, is from **360 acres.**
- **The gin employed 28 full-time workers for 6 months.**
- COPROEXNIC, with our help, **exported 4 containers of sesame, half organic... 176,000 pounds.**
- Together, we **exported 22 containers of organic peanuts... 959,062 pounds!**
- Together, we **exported 38,250 pounds of organic coffee** to two buyers. The 2013 coffee crop was not up to its usual high standards and the co-op is taking steps to be more careful in order to keep their coffee first class.
- We hosted **different groups of buyers** from Once Again Nut Butter, Their-Bucks Coffee, and Maggie's Organics. They come to negotiate face-to-face with the growers. Lloyd from OANB has been in and out of Nicaragua helping us deal with getting the sesame plant running.
- **Becca** went to Portland, OR, to participate in a sustainable textiles conference in order to get support for a cotton seed integrity program, which in turn would protect our small cotton farmers.
- In the **Nueva Vida Health Clinic**, we **treated 10,071 patients... 13% were new patients.** These patients were seen by three part-time physicians, a full-time radiologist, and volunteer physicians.
- **77% of the pediatrician's patients were 5 years or younger** and of those children 30% were treated for asthma.
- We were donated a non-portable **ultrasound** machine which complements our portable ultrasound machine. To protect the machinery, the exam room was remodeled and air-conditioned. Our radiologist performed **818 ultrasound exams in 2014.**
- We also obtained a **new EKG machine** from a cardiologist who volunteered one week with a Rotary Club. We have done **263 tests** since April.
- **We hired the clinic's volunteer orthopedist** when he could no longer volunteer with us. Of the above patients in the clinic, **he treated 1,840 patients while working three mornings a week.**
- We gave out treatment and medicines for **17,254 conditions and diseases...**an increase of 104%!
- We **surveyed the Nueva Vida barrio of 12,000 on the prevalence of PAP tests. We started offering free PAPs to stem the high rate of mortality due to cervical cancer.** We have equipment to offer cryotherapy but do not have the Ministry of Health's permission to use it without a licensed gynecologist.
- **Our chronic care program grew to 147 patients including 30 elderly patients.** 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 264 clients...** 43% were from the ages of 6 to 12 years. 28% of the problems presented were family problems and 22% were learning disabilities including ADHD.
- **Our laboratory completed 10,244 tests in the clinic for 1,902 patients which is a 325% increase (more than 25% referred from other clinics) and we did approximately 2,000 additional tests outside the lab.** We sent out 394

PAP tests to be read by a pathologist. We added HIV rapid tests as well as the blood tests. With designated money and a donated microscope, we were able to update some of the lab's equipment.

- We continued our program with ORPHANetwork **to see 1,200 children twice a year in our dental clinic.**
- Our **full-time dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, and volunteer dental professionals saw 3,941 patients** (50% more than last year and 49% were under the age of 12 years). They performed **7,029 procedures which is an increase of 160%!** Of those procedures: 56% were preventive care [cleanings and sealants]; 24% were restorative care [fillings] and only 11% were extractions...this is amazing for Nicaragua!
- **Our dental staff continues to teach patients** on the importance of good oral hygiene. They also gave **42 classes to 3,508 children in feeding centers (this is more than doubled the number of children and classes from 2013).**
- Our **one-morning-a-week eye correction clinic saw 310 patients** and gave out **477 pairs of glasses.** A volunteer optometrist helped for one week and taught us how to be more efficient.
- **Our family planning program offered free, consistent birth control for 133 women** and 2 men.
- 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; started a **group of mothers of 0- 1 year babies**; started a **group of mother's with toddlers**; and started a **group of pre-teen and teen girls** to give options for the future other than being a teen mother.
 - **Increased our lay health promoters from 32-37 in Nueva Vida and 3 rural communities.**
 - **Maintained the nebulizers and first aid kits in the homes of lay health promoters.**
 - **Held 129 different health trainings** on 30 different topics of diabetes, sexual health, family planning, etc. for **2,019 participants (this is over twice as many trainings, and almost twice as many participants, than last year)!**
- **We hosted 15 delegations** that stayed from 5 – 20 days each.
- **We hosted 46 volunteer medical, dental, and public health professionals in the clinic.**
- **Four speaking tours encompassed Ireland and 16 states in the U.S. for 109 speaking engagements.**
- We **hosted 22 groups from other organizations** based in Nicaragua, speaking about and showing them our work.
- We hosted **15 individual volunteers** from a week to a year.
- We ended the suit against Jack Coker when we received a check for \$20,000 from his lawyer (<http://jhc-cdca.blogspot.com/2010/05/update-genesis-spinning-co-op.html>). He declared bankruptcy. We are still in legal battle with Yelba Carvajal who is still trying to take the CDCA's property (<http://jhc-cdca.blogspot.com/2014/05/send-lawyers-computers-money.html>).
- Once each quarter we sent out over 12,700 newsletters with more than 53% going by email. In December we changed our newsletter email provider because people were not receiving the email.
- We received a **matching gift** for all the donations in May...totaling over \$127,892.26!
- Our **on-line donations increased by 63%! In trying to make it easier**, we also updated our on-line donation location to take less of a percentage and to provide an emailed note from us with donation receipts, **and we obtained a QR Code to make it easier to donate.** **NOTE: Your gifts are extremely important! More than three-fourths of our cash donations are \$100 or less.**

Enclosed is a slip tallying your 2014 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 2014 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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