

Dear Friends,

Although 2015 was a difficult year for the staff and organization, the projects continued and even expanded. We recognize the value of your help and the generosity you have shown to this work. **Thank you for your gifts because without YOU the work would not continue.** Please consider continuing and maybe even expanding your support for the CDCA in 2016, helping to lift the crushing weight of poverty and disease from our Nicaraguan sisters and brothers.

Before you read below and see all the wonderful things that you helped accomplish with your 2015 gifts, let me add a couple of notes.

Many of the staff lost close family members in 2015, and due to the international staff's losses and hospital stays, the CDCA was severely short-staffed for almost the whole year. One loss was the help of Peggy Murdock, my mother, who received our donations and deposited them for us. Mama had a series of strokes in November, but now we are grateful to have another kind soul helping, which mean an address change.

PLEASE note this change of address for future donations, and if you give through automated checks then please notify your bank or foundation.

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Thank you! And now, read on:

- COPROEXNIC, with our help, **exported 28 containers of sesame**, all but one were organic... 1.2 million pounds! (8 times as much as 2014)
- Together, we **exported 13 containers of organic peanuts... 572,000 pounds** (a little more than half of 2014)
- Together with El Porvenir, we **exported 28,500 pounds of organic coffee** to two buyers (again, less).
- No cotton was grown due to the drought, which is also why there were less peanuts and coffee... (sesame grows well with less moisture)
- **COPROEXNIC received the lease for the sesame processing plant, employing 52 workers (more than twice as many as 2014)**
- The **sesame plant continues to undergo tremendous renovations** to make it a world-class processing plant.
- Through the **Vida Fund we were able to make loans of \$992,064 in 2015.**
- **Loan payments and interest received in 2015 was \$1,071,296.**
- **Becca and Mike participated in two Agora Partnerships conferences.** We also worked with Agora for a year in developing business plans and looking for investors for our agriculture programs.
- **Mike represented Nicaraguan growers at trade shows in Germany and the Netherlands.**
- We hosted **different groups of buyers** from Once Again Nut Butter, Their-Bucks Coffee, and Multiple Organics, as well as meeting with buyers in the U.S.
- In the **Nueva Vida Health Clinic, we treated 9,939 patients.** These patients were seen by four part-time physicians (orthopedist, general, ob/gyn, and pediatrician), a full-time radiologist, and volunteer physicians.
- **291 visits in patients' homes provided better treatment.**
- Because of a 5-year grant we were able to hire **a half-time ob/gyn. To address the high rate of cervical cancer mortality she takes PAPs and biopsies and she also does** Loop electrosurgical excision procedures and cone biopsies.
- Our radiologist performed **1,795 ultrasound exams on 1,469 patients. We also did 365 EKGs.**
- We also obtained **a new echocardiogram machine** from a cardiologist who volunteered one week with his Rotary Club. He and his tech did **189 tests.**
- We gave out treatment and medicines for **20,802 conditions and diseases.**
- We did a survey and study in **the Nueva Vida barrio to have a better understanding of type 2 diabetes.** Over 5 days, 1,435 individuals were surveyed and 1,163 received blood glucose testing.
- **Our chronic care program now has 145 patients, including 77 elderly patients.** They come for monthly check-ups, medications, and monthly meetings to learn about diet, exercise, taking their 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 181 clients...** 50% were from the ages of 6 to 12 years. 26% of the problems presented were family problems and another 26% were behavioral issues.
- **Our laboratory completed 5,020 tests in the clinic for 1,664 patients and we did at least 2,000 additional tests outside the lab.** We sent out 503 PAP tests to be read by a pathologist. Our lab tech retired, and we hired a young woman with whom we are very happy. With designated money, we were able to buy a new microscope.

- We continued our program with ORPHANetwork to see **1,200 children twice a year in our dental clinic.**
- Our **full-time dentist, hygienist, dental assistant, and volunteer dental professionals saw 4,270 patients** (52% were under the age of 12 years). They performed **6,050 procedures**. Of those procedures: 56% were preventive care [cleanings and sealants]; 25% were restorative care [fillings]; and only 9% were extractions... this is amazing for Nicaragua!
- **Our dental staff continues to teach patients** the importance of good oral hygiene. They also gave **25 classes to 2,968 children in feeding centers.**
- Our **one-morning-a-week eye correction clinic saw 281 patients** and gave out **416 pairs of glasses**. A volunteer optometrist helped for one week and was frustrated because customs held up his equipment.
- **Our family planning program offers free, consistent birth control for 108 women.**
- 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; **a group of mothers of 0-1 year babies; a group of mothers with toddlers; and a group of pre-teen and teen girls** to give options for the future other than being a teen mother. We started a support group for parents with children with asthma and a support system for patients who are HIV positive.
 - **Increased our lay health promoters to 25 in Nueva Vida and 10 in 3 rural communities.**
 - **Maintained the nebulizers and first aid kits in the homes of lay health promoters** and these services **helped 914 children and 688 adults.**
 - **Held 128 different health trainings** on 23 different topics of diabetes, sexual health, family planning, etc. for **2,385!**
- **We hosted 13 delegations** that stayed from 3-22 days.
- **We hosted over 25 volunteer medical, dental, and public health professionals in the clinic, plus 3 classes of students in medical professions.**
- **Three speaking tours encompassed 8 states in the U.S. for 106 speaking engagements,** making many new contacts as well as renewing connections with long-time supporters.
- **We developed 3 social media fundraisers for the clinic, family planning program, and the growing new mothers and infants program.**
- A volunteer, Pablo, made a wonderful **video, Manic Mondays** (<http://jhc-cdca.org/files/ManicMondays.MOV.mp4>)
- We **hosted 19 groups from other organizations** based in Nicaragua, speaking about and showing them our work.
- We hosted **8 individual volunteers** from a week to just shy of one year.
- The courts ruled in our favor against Yelba Carvajal, who was trying to take the CDCA's property. As we understand it, she now cannot sue for our property again.
- Once each quarter we sent out over 13,250 newsletters with more than half going by email.
- We were able to **reduce expenses by 7.5%**, however our **receipts fell by 31.5%.**
- Our number of **on-line recurring donations increased by 6%**, monthly giving we can count on! **And online donations can now also be received in Euros. NOTE:** Your gifts are extremely important! **More than three-fourths of our cash donations continue to be \$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 financial information, please ask us for our 2015 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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