Sarah Junkin Woodard, a member of the Ciudad Sandino Rotary Club, comes to us from the Center for Development in Central America (CDCA), the Nicaraguan project of the non-profit, faith-based organization, the Jubilee House Community (JHC). Working in Nicaragua for the past 25 years, the CDCA continues to respond to human needs created by natural disasters and poverty in the second poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Members of the JHC helped to form the Ciudad Sandino Rotary Club, which with the CDCA is focusing on helping communities maintain stability and as much normalcy as possible, being an inspiration even as Nicaragua seeks to recover from its 2018 political crisis.

Long-term goals remain focused on alleviating poverty, helping communities become self-sufficient, sustainable, democratic entities. In addition to the CSRC’s current focus on getting potable water into two rural communities, the long-term goals of the CSRC and Rotary International parallel the goals of the CDCA as it works specifically in the areas of

- sustainable economic development
- organic agriculture
- integrated appropriate technology
  - education
  - health care

Sarah says, “The JHC-CDCA has been called to work with the poor in our area of Nicaragua, and to share their lives and realities with folk in the U.S., to bridge the gap between us and our neighbors. Broadening global and environmental connections between Rotarians can be building blocks towards Peace, making a difference.” Tax-deductible donations & proceeds from fair trade crafts go towards the operating expenses of the project.

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