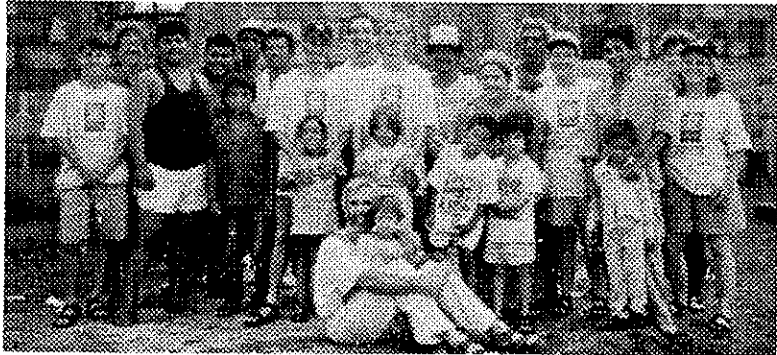




# JUBILEE HOUSE COMMUNITY

*"You shall not oppress one another for I am the Lord your God."*  
—Lev. 25:17

September 1995



Parkway and Nicaraguan work crew - June 1995

Parkway United Church of Christ in Winston-Salem, came and worked with Nicaraguan volunteers from the Roberto Clemente community to build the Center.

**Katie Barge**, a U.S. volunteer, and **Jessica** have painted a colorful mural on one wall.



Kids watching Jessica paint

A workshop in hydroponic gardening built beds for growing food for the center. Committees are formed to locate teachers, volunteers, and food. Skylights reduce the need for electric lights. It is a building many people can be proud of.

**The Health Center in Trinidad Central** is completed after more than a year of labor and struggle. Even while the building was unfinished we transported doctors to the remote community for weekly clinics.

The Center is beautiful with five rooms, plumbing, electricity, and a tile floor. This project was supported by a group of Canadians both financially and with labor.

**A tractor is plowing the ground for the organic sesame crop.**

Working through all the Nicaraguan and international bureaucracy has been a slow process. The Presbyterian Hunger Fund granted the project \$10,000 to see the crop to market.

With the planting happening now the crop should need little

irrigation. We are experiencing a normal rainy season which means W - E - T!!! But we give thanks for all the mud!!



Leonardo breaking ground for sesame

**We continue** with health training workshops, micro-enterprise projects, and supplying occasional health clinics and medicines. We received money from St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, NC, to buy medicines for prescriptions people cannot get filled.



NC and Nica new friends

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**Is language a barrier?** Our short-term volunteers prove "No" is the answer in many cases.

To communicate political, philosophical ideas -- yes. To communicate friendship -- a resounding no!

**Katie** loves and plays with children in a feeding center with limited Spanish. **Sharon** rocks babies and works with toddlers in an orphanage with little to no Spanish. **Bob** teases and jokes with CDCA Nica staff all in English.

**The Parkway crew** made dear friends in Roberto Clemente, built a building in partnership, and joked and played with very limited Spanish. It was a special pleasure to watch **Dan Holt** work, joke, play ball, and build bridges with workers with his two words: "más mezcla!" ("more mix" -- for mixing cement).

Friendship is built on trust and kindness, and both of those can be accomplished with little or no language.

**Future projects are underway!** As soon as one project is finished (and often times before completed) we begin another. We received a grant for \$7,000 from the Coalition for Social Witness and Justice of the national Episcopal Church. We are researching how to bring another community water and latrines. We are working closely with the good folks of The Rainbow Network (TRN) to bring development projects into seven

*comarcas* (rural communities in the mountains around us). These *comarcas*, totaling at least 6,000 people, have mostly been isolated from other international projects brought into Nicaragua.

We and the *comarcas* are excited about this new work. The *comarcas*, with our help, have organized and met to set priorities and methodology. They have met with TRN's representatives and much good is coming out of all these planning sessions.

The work will focus on four areas: education, health, housing, and micro-enterprise. We give thanks for this new partnership.



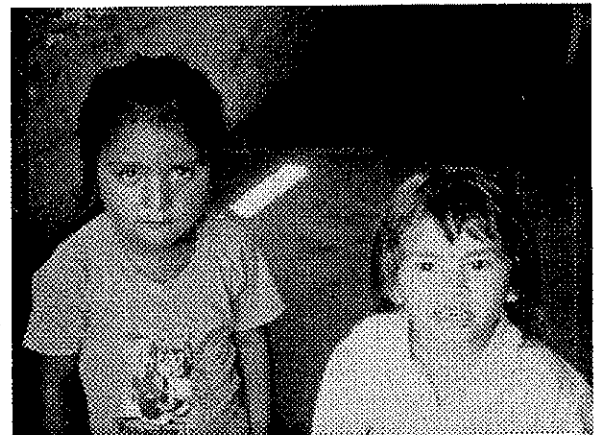
Comarca committees define problems and goals

**Community News - Pat and Kathy are travelling in the U.S.** in September and October speaking mostly at Friends Meetings and other gatherings across the Midwest. If you can be of any help to them or wish for them to speak, please leave word with Jim Brown at 1-800-ASHEVIL.

Their trip is a "repeat performance" (although in a different part of the country) because Sarah and Mike's spring trips to the U.S. were so successful in spreading the news about the work of the CDCA. We're thankful for all the folks who hosted them and offered hospitality.

Jessica is back from her summer in Winston-Salem and her performance of *Anything Goes*. Thanks to all who were her summer family. Tiff started at Cornell August 25. He spent the summer working in Atlanta hosted by the Community of Hospitality. Much thanks to all who helped him. Coury is involved in a weekly activity program. Daniel fights parasites monthly. Kathleen is working on locating more funds for the Center.

It has been wonderful having Sharon Shanafelt here with Bob Hanafin. Sharon has worked to nurture us through her gifts in reflexology.



Waiting children

**REFLECTION** - Yesterday Jessica and our volunteer Katie were robbed at knifepoint. Katie was thrown to the ground and scared to

death! This happened right down from our house in mid-day. Thank God, they were okay.

Today our friend Fidel was also robbed, but he had nothing valuable. We knew violence was on the increase, but now we know in our insides.

Causes? One is drug abuse (alcohol and glue sniffing are the drugs of choice). Two is gangs (guess where they learned that? from living in the U.S. during the contra war). Speaking of war -- three is that the country was at war for years and violence has become ingrained. And four is poverty and a huge sense of hopelessness for the future.

Any hope? First: communities all over Nicaragua are establishing, with very limited resources, recreational opportunities for kids to reduce drug and alcohol abuse. Second: the program Coury attends was created to bring kids from zones all over Ciudad Sandino to be friends, and not form gangs in individual neighborhoods. Third: people from various walks of life are being trained by a group, Alternatives to Violence, to learn non-violent conflict resolution after so many years of war. And fourth: the work of us, many others like us, and YOU is trying little by little to relieve some of the poverty here and bring a little hope.



Katie at the feeding center

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