

The members of the Genesis spinning plant cooperative won't give up! At the writing of this, there is still no spinning machinery. Four containers are in Costa Rica... not here... and the shipping company wants more money to send them to us. These containers are connected to the other 12 in Venezuela just waiting for their seller to pay *his* bill.

The seller has not – in any conscionable way – fulfilled his end of the contract. He has not paid the shipping company all the money they have billed him. The Wake Forest Law Center is providing us legal advice, but we do not want to sue, we want the machinery. It has been more than a year of negotiating, plodding, and pushing. You will hear shouts all the way up there from down here when we have the machinery in the building.



Because of all the waiting, the 15 women and 3 men of Genesis came to us and asked for help with basic food. Their extended families, who have helped them in the past, cannot continue to help (their families are poor as well). All our funds are going into making this a dream a reality, but a generous donor gave enough money to buy them every two weeks: 300 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of beans, 200 pounds of sugar, and 10 gallons of oil. (see jhc-cdca.blogspot.com)

Genesis continues to work every morning. They made three trenches, breaking through six inches of concrete floor, in preparation for the machinery vents. They are learning accounting on their new computers. They have English classes. They build on their bathroom with volunteers

such as an anthropology class with the University of Florida. They keep struggling and moving forward.



The Vida Fund grows slowly but surely. This fund is to help Genesis and others to build a life for themselves through livelihood and working together. Our goal is to have \$1 million dollars in this fund to loan to Nicaraguans at low interest.

The Wake Forest Law Center has helped us with the legalities of this fund.

These lawyers are helping us in so many valuable ways.

My! So much cotton has been planted! 50 farmers, including two women's cooperatives, have planted 450 acres of cotton.

The rains have been heavy this year, so heavy that farmers are planting organic cotton instead of sesame, because it does better in extreme conditions. We have new growers planting cotton this year, plus last year's growers who have increased their cotton acreage.

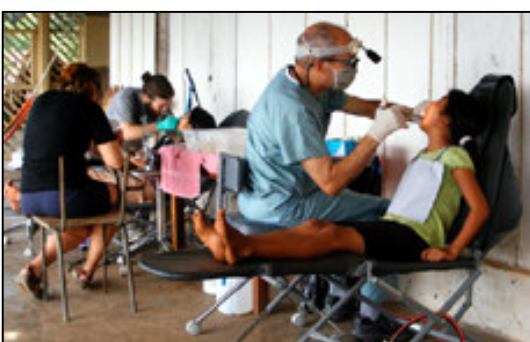


Bená Burda from Maggie's Organics came with a film crew to film more of the fair trade organic cotton clothing process. We are anxious to see the final results in October.



Once Again Nut Butter cooperative members came for the cooperative's second 2010 visit. They spent time with growers, though did not get out to see farms because of all the rain. Both OANB and Maggie's hold out hope for farmers and the workers in cooperative cotton processes.

The clinic has an absolutely gorgeous mural on the front of the building! A Nicaraguan artist, Gerardo Arias, designed and painted the mural. Children from Nueva Vida helped. Inside we have been adding color to the walls and doors with volunteers such as the Wesley Foundation delegation (Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC).



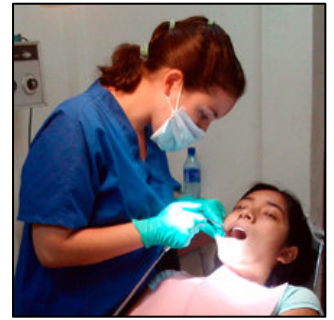
Dirk Anderson, from Rock Hill, plays an important role in our dental clinic. He has and continues to be a teacher for our dentists. He goes to El Porvenir yearly and is their primary dentist. This visit he taught Matt, a volunteer, how to clean teeth and together they treated more than 50 patients in three days. Dirk had sent three portable dental chairs earlier, and used them during this visit.





He also helped us interview a new dentist and evaluate her work. We are very happy to have Inya Gonzalez on our staff.

We continue to be fortunate to have medical professionals offer their services. A neurologist and physical therapist came with a delegation made up of the alumni and friends of the Bucknell Brigades. An ophthalmologist from Managua brings optometry students to run our eye correction program weekly. We also have had the service of long-term volunteers in the clinic: Emily, Matt, Tasha, and Paul. We are very fortunate indeed.



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

the Community: Lots of comings and goings... **Paul, Becca, Eibhlín, and Orla** are in the northwest of the USA speaking about our work and seeing family (see <http://tinyurl.com/271ootr> for scheduling).

Pat and Kathy are also in the States. They are rejuvenating by taking a four month sabbatical and will end up in Brazil seeing friends.

All of us are absolutely thrilled at the birth of a new grandchild, **Charlotte Waxler Woodard**, born the 3rd of June to Jessica and Mikel (Waxor). Her family here went to the U.S. to see this marvelous addition and to visit other family in June and July.



Reflection: When we try to explain the fundamental difference between the poor and us, it boils down to this... we can always quit. Now is one of those times when this difference is crystal clear. Let me explain:



- The members of Genesis have given their labor and time for more than three-and-a-half years with no payment in sight. *Mike and Becca, in particular, have also given their time and labor with no conclusion coming any time soon.*
- Genesis members have been under enormous stress struggling to make this dream a reality and so has the Jubilee House Community... *Mike and Becca, again, in particular.*
- They have put other employment on hold and we have put finances on hold.
- They feel like they have waited and waited and waited and we feel like we have been lied to, betrayed, and cheated.

But - and this is a critical, weighty "but" - we could walk away from this project and have even talked about it; yet, as Mike reminds us, we have to first hear defeat from the members of Genesis... and those amazing women and men have put too much into this to walk away.

You see, we **can** walk away but we **choose** not to without their permission. They **choose not** to because they really **cannot** walk away unless we give up on them.

And that is the true difference between those that have and those that have not... the freedom to choose and know you can still feed your family. It separates us all... the haves and the have nots. And the **only** way to begin to bridge that gap is **not** to give up on their behalf.

Please join us in not giving up on them and their dream.

-Kathleen



If you want to help with letters, emails, and actions to encourage the seller to honor his commitment to these women, check out our [blog](#).

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