



# EL AYUDANTE SPONSOR CONNECTION

MAY 2023



## A WORD FROM THE BOARD

Include us  
in your  
prayers

Lead a  
Team

Sponsor a  
Child

Pray and always give thanks. Prayer is the foundation of this ministry. We have many answered prayers for which to be thankful. We see God working in and through El Ayudante in so many ways. God is indeed good, and worthy of our praise!

<https://eanicaragua.com/plan/>

Be the hands and feet of Christ. Whether this is your first trip or planning a return visit – you will find everything you need to get started.

<https://eanicaragua.com/sponsor-a-child/>

For as little as \$35/month, you can partially sponsor a child and provide meals, tutoring, emotional support, and healthcare. We still need 58 - \$35/month sponsors for our current children.

Vanessa's trip to the US was amazing. While promoting this wonderful ministry we all love, she was able to renew old relationships, and build new ones. Thank you to everyone that came out to see her and offered such great hospitality. Vanessa truly felt at home! God is doing some amazing things in and through El Ayudante. **We have added 5 new mission teams** and are in discussion with several others. We currently have a total of 14 scheduled in 2023, which is great, but only about half of what it was before COVID. With that said, we know God is in control and **the future looks bright at EA because of supporters like you.** Our 3 biggest needs are prayers, more teams, and more sponsors so our current children are fully sponsored, and we can add new ones so their dreams can come true too. We hope you enjoy this Newsletter. Please email [info@eanicaragua.com](mailto:info@eanicaragua.com) with your input and questions.

Thank you for everything you do. You Help make this ministry possible – Gloria a Dios!

Blessings from the EA Board of Directors





**"I am super thankful to God. I am so thankful for everything El Ayudante has done for me. I had the opportunity to study from preschool until I recently got my Technical degree in Business Administration. At El Ayudante, they took care of me and taught me values. When I was a child, I lived at the HCN, so I had a roof over my head.**

**God is a witness of how much you have helped me to this day. May God continue to bless you in a great way so that you can continue supporting other children who need the same help. It really was so great to have EA help me when I needed it most. Thank you for your love. I really appreciate what you have done for me. Thank you for always being there."**





# A SPONSOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I first traveled to Nicaragua five years ago with a local church, and I had never been out of the country before. I knew I wanted to serve others, but I had no idea how much God would change my life while serving alongside El Ayudante.

During the trip, our group was told about the sponsorship program. A set of twins grabbed my interest because they encourage people to sponsor both children and not just one, making it more expensive for someone. I had met Anielka, but I was given several opportunities to know her better. We would constantly laugh, with me trying to use some of the Spanish I was learning to entertain her. We played games around EA, ate meals together, and we also did some sight-seeing! I knew this little girl was special, and I couldn't leave there without being her "madrina," as she would call me. The way God aligned the circumstances was incredible.

I had met a young adult while on the trip who was from the same church, but I had never met her before. We became very close, and I looked up to her. She also felt the call to sponsor a child. Everything seemed to align, and God allowed us to sponsor the twins, providing them each a new sponsor. When we individually could not provide financially for both, God made a way.

What's different about El Ayudante is their emphasis on relationship and discipleship. I give money, but the gift of relationship with Anielka far outweighs whatever financial impact I may have. I get to video chat Anielka several times throughout the year, send her birthday cards and Christmas cards, and hear about her faith journey. For several reasons, I have not been able to return, but a piece of my heart is always in Nicaragua, and I look forward to the chance when I get to see Anielka again in person. Sponsorship at EA is wonderful, and I am forever changed as I continue to experience the love at El Ayudante.



# TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

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## MARIA MERCEDES



HELLO, MY NAME IS MARÍA MERCEDES REYES. I HAVE WORKED FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL MINISTRY FOR ALMOST 8 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE TO WORK IN THE AREA OF PSYCHOLOGY, AND TO SEE ALL THOSE BEAUTIFUL SMILES ON OUR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS.

I LOVE BEING PART OF THIS MINISTRY! FOR ME EL AYUDANTE MEANS FAMILY, UNITY AND BROTHERLY LOVE. ABOVE ALL, WE DEDICATE TIME TO WORSHIP GOD AND HIS HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE. ON THE EL AYUDANTE CAMPUS, WE PERFORM OUR DEVOTIONALS EVERY MONDAY, GIVING GLORY, HONORING GOD AND THANKING HIM FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO FOR US. BLESSINGS.



# EA UPDATE



**Community Outreach with Ruben Dario Leaders**



**Dublin UMC Team Leads Prayers and Delivers Foodbags in the community**



**Ramon and Hipolito Celebrate 15 Years at EA**



# STAFF HIGHLIGHT

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## DORA



I HAVE WORKED AT EA FOR 9 YEARS. I GREATLY THANK GOD FOR GIVING ME THE GREAT BLESSING OF BEING PART OF THIS PRECIOUS MINISTRY. I LOVE SHARING MY TIME WITH THE HCN CHILDREN! I LOVE TRANSLATING THE VIDEO CALLS WITH SPONSORS AS IT IS A VERY SPECIAL TIME, WHERE I CAN SEE THE HAPPINESS OF THE CHILDREN AND THEIR SPONSORS WHEN TALKING AND SEEING EACH OTHER THROUGH A VIDEO CALL. THIS MAKES ME VERY HAPPY! WORKING AT EL AYUDANTE HAS CHANGED MY LIFE! I LOVE TO SEE THE GREAT LOVE HERE, AND THE GREAT LOVE THAT THE MISSIONARY AND MEDICAL TEAMS GIVE TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES, TO THE HCN CHILDREN AND TO THE EA STAFF. I CAN SEE AND FEEL SO MUCH LOVE IN THEM REMINDING ME THAT GOD LOVES US WITH UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. THIS REMINDS ME OF A BEAUTIFUL BIBLICAL VERSE: JOHN 15:12 "MY COMMAND IS THIS: "LOVE EACH OTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU".

# GET INVOLVED AT EA



## OUR ICONIC RANCHO THATCH ROOF AND APARTMENT ROOFS NEED TO BE REPLACED!

**TODAY, YOU CAN HELP RETURN THE RANCHO TO ITS ORIGINAL GLORY SO IT CAN CONTINUE TO BE A RELAXING HAVEN FOR MISSION TEAMS TO REMINISCE ABOUT WHERE THEY SAW GOD. OUR STAFF AND KIDS ALSO LOVE TO USE IT FOR DEVOTION AND PRAYER TIME.**

**WILL YOU BE THE HELPER?  
YOU CAN DONATE AT:**

**[EANICARAGUA.COM/ROOFCAMPAIGN](http://EANICARAGUA.COM/ROOFCAMPAIGN)**



## SPONSORS!

**Just a reminder that you can still sign up for a video call with your sponsored child! Check your email to schedule a time. For those of you who have already enjoyed your video call with your child, thank you for engaging with them!**

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Pray
- [Sign up to sponsor a child](#)
- [Make a one-time donation](#)



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**We want your feedback! What do you want to see in the newsletter? Email us at [info@eanicaragua.com](mailto:info@eanicaragua.com). We look forward to hearing from you!**

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