

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021





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# Principles of Partnership

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In all things, our desire at El Ayudante is that we 'partner with' rather than 'do for' local communities for their overall enrichment.

Because of this commitment, we affirm and promote the following principles of partnership:

## GOD

We keep God at the center in everything we do in order to bring glory to Him.

## RELATIONSHIPS

Our overarching goal is to form and nurture healthy, interdependent, and on-going relationships with local communities.

## CHURCH

We recognize that God is here working, so we seek to partner with the Nicaraguan church toward the advancement of God's kingdom on earth as in heaven.

## HOLISTIC WORK

In view of God's mission to make all things new in Christ, our efforts are aimed to impact all facets of life: the spiritual as well as the physical.

## EMPOWERMENT

Our efforts should always seek to empower local communities in their own development and not create dependency.

## STRENGTHS

We seek to identify and mobilize the capabilities, skills, and resources from within local communities.

## LONGEVITY

Short-term mission teams are an extension of El Ayudante's engagement and collaboration with local communities to have a sustainable impact.



# 2021 Accomplishments

It was another challenging year, and COVID just won't go away, but we serve an amazing God who hears our prayers. Our number one priority is still providing for our children, their families' and our staff. With mission teams not being able to visit for a second year, we are still without this critical source of income and inspiration. Teams are the lifeblood of our ministry and the staff can't wait to welcome them back to our beautiful campus. Our staff are fully vaccinated, and our prayer is that we can host mission teams in 2022. In spite of not having mission teams on the ground, our work in the communities continues with our staff and children being the hands and feet of Christ. Generous donations from churches that would have brought mission teams have made all the following possible:

## Major Projects

- School supplies as needed throughout the year.
- Support for I Kidney Ultrasound exam for I little girl from Rubén Darío Neighborhood.
- 3 Houses Constructed in Marañonal
- 366 Blessing Bags containing food and other basic essential items
- 328 Hygiene Kits
- 20 Water Filters
- 17 Families Benefited from our new Sustainability Program receiving Fruit Trees & Compost (approx 400 trees delivered)
- Purchase of an Ultrasound machine to reactivate our EA Clinic.

## Communities Served

- Marañonal
- Rubén Darío Neighborhood
- Los Poetas Neighborhoods: (Antenor Sandino, Salomón de la Selva, Utrecht, Mariana Sampson, Azarías H. Pallais)
- Adiact Neighborhood

## Outreach Areas

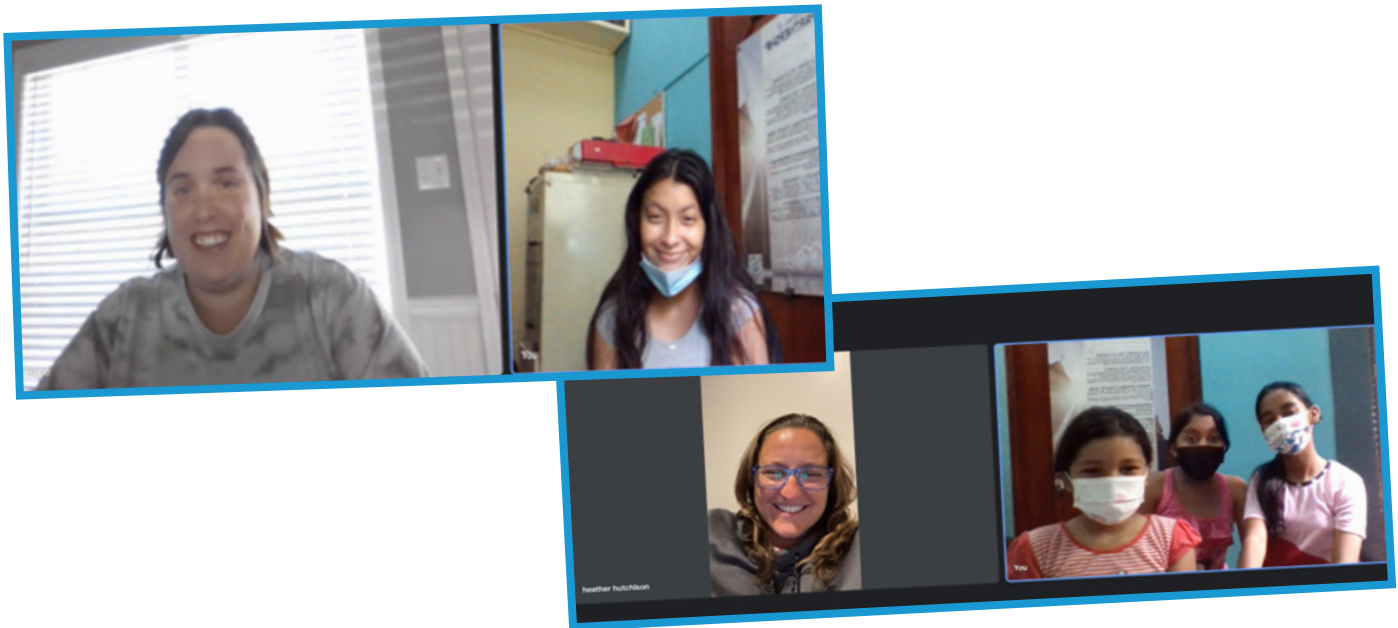
- Ruben Dario Health Center
- Lamb of God Church



What I love the most about working at El Ayudante is the fact that I get to work on behalf of God to serve others. Whether it is my coworkers, with the children at the HCN, or in the community, I enjoy using the different gifts, talents, and skills that God has given to me as a service of offering for God. I see my work as worship to Jesus, which, through the power of the Holy Spirit, makes all of it special. It makes me forget that this is a job, since I rejoice in this family environment and my second home called, "El Ayudante."

May God bless you all! In the holy name of Jesus, Amen.

**Franklin Mosiés González Zapata**  
Community Coordinator  
El Ayudante Nicaragua

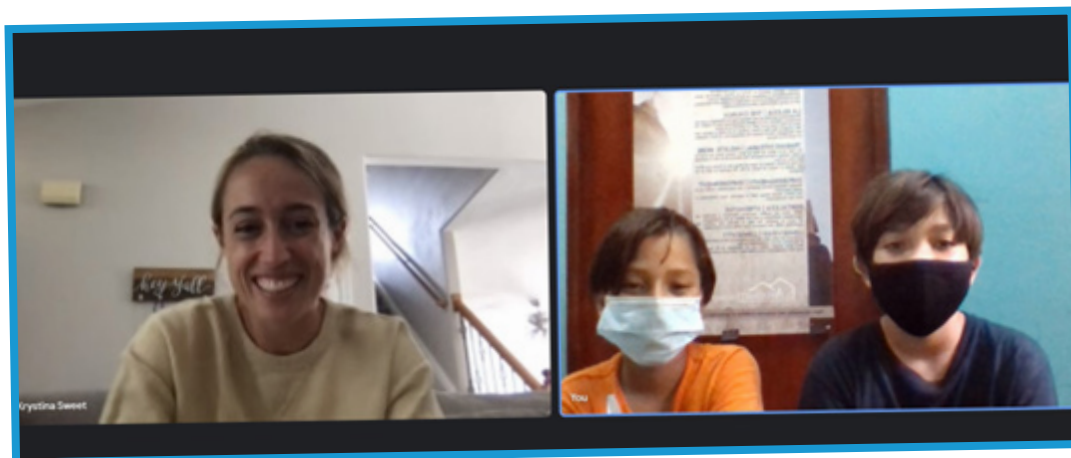


## Sponsorships

Sponsorships help us achieve our goal of partnering with the Nicaraguan children. Sponsorships provide important services, such as the care of the children's health, their diet, their education, clothing, and decent housing.

We want to express words of gratitude and affection to those we call, "Padrinos," or godparents. These wonderful people provide love and financial support to the families we serve at El Ayudante. In 2021, your support was essential to continue carrying out each of the proposed activities and to meet our goals at the HCN.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic we were unable to have missionaries present on campus, but we try to maintain communication between the sponsor and child through virtual video calls. Our children loved these opportunities to interact with their sponsors.





Hi, I'm Daysi Alfaro, Erlin's maternal grandmother. I thank God that He has given Erlin this incredible opportunity.

I am very grateful for Erlin's sponsors, because of the help they give our children.

I hope that God blesses all those who partner with the HCN.

I always carry you in my prayers so that God continues to bless you, keep you, and give you many years of life.

At the HCN my grandson receives support for his homework, in providing food for him, and he is celebrated on his birthday with a gift.

For all this and more, thank you very much.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Hi, I'm Jania.

I want to tell you that I am very grateful because I have been helped so much since I joined El Ayudante.

I have a little house, and I have been given the opportunity to continue studying.

Thanks to this I am very happy, and I thank God that I have another day of life.

At the HCN they help me with my school supplies and my homework.

Thanks to God and my sponsors I have a house to live in. and daily bread.

I am happy.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

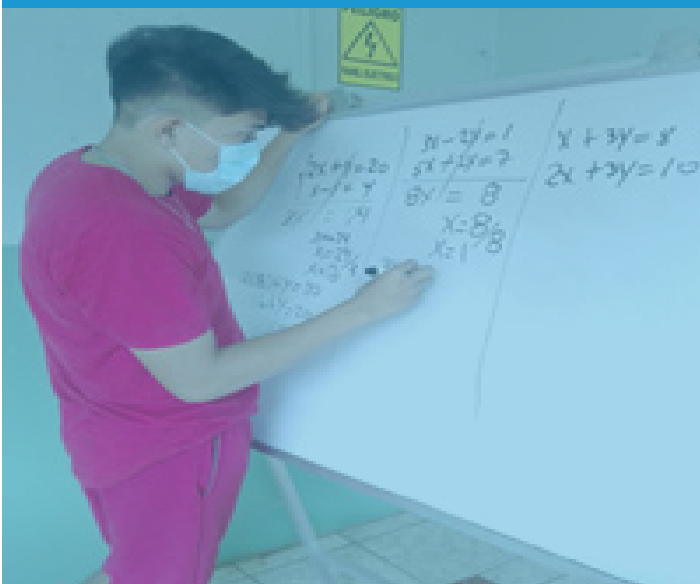




## Hogar Cristiano Nicaraguense (HCN)

The Hogar Cristiano Nicaraguense, or HCN as we normally call it, is our Nicaraguan Children's Home that serves kids on a daily basis. Through the HCN, we work with kids on a one-to-one basis and we partner with their families through outreach and educational activities.

The high school students are on campus in the morning and attend school in the afternoon, and the elementary students have the reverse schedule. While at the HCN the children receive two meals and a snack, tutoring, Bible studies, individual and family counseling, and medical care.



We want to start by thanking God because of His mercy and blessings in 2021.

We are grateful for the people who support us regardless of the distance and the pandemic that overwhelms the whole world.

In our center we have an established plan which we fulfill every year. At the beginning of the year we give our students a package that contains a school uniform and school materials. These basic materials are required for students to attend school, but many Nicaraguan children are unable to attend simply because of their parents' lack of economic resources.

University students are also provided with a package of clothes and products for personal use each semester.

At the HCN we engage the whole child, providing food, medicine, psychological guidance, education, and recreation.

In 2021 Nicaragua was affected by a strong wave of COVID-19. It affected many Nicaraguan families, but El Ayudante did not close its doors, since it is a refuge for the children that we serve. To ensure safety, we reinforced health measures, and thus we have managed to stay healthy.

I am passionate about making this report, because it is a way to contemplate how wonderful God is by allowing us to be here for each boy, girl, adolescent, and young person that we served in 2021.

**Mary Dolmust**

**Prof. Marisol Dolmust**  
HCN Director



# The HCN: Around The School



# Mental Health and Psychology

The mental health of our students and parents is of the utmost importance. Focusing on mental health helps strengthen self-esteem and helps control emotions, strengthen emotional ties within the family, and create healthy relationships with society. Psychoeducational workshops were given to our older students, and workshops on financial education aimed at parents were also given.

Among the workshops taught were: self-regulation and breathing exercises, the influence of the adolescent's social environment, sexually transmitted disease prevention, and financial education workshops.



# Nutrition

Proper nutrition is an essential part of holistic ministry. For many of our students, the well-balanced food they receive at the HCN provides an essential part of their physical well-being.



# Spirituality

The deep love of God and the love for others inspires and guides our interactions. At the HCN we share this love through devotionals, Bible studies, and prayers with students and families.



# Birthdays

One of the most exciting parts of our programming at the HCN are the ways that we celebrate the birthdays of our students. The students love it and get so excited to have a sweet treat on their special day.



# Special Days and Celebrations

At the HCN we celebrate three major activities with children and our families: Mother's Day, Children's Day and a Christmas party.



# Promotions and Graduations

## 6th Grade Promotions

## High School Graduate



Heini



Marcos



Winkler



My name is Marcos Elvis Reyes. I joined The HCN at the age of 6. I am very grateful to God and El Ayudante. Here I share time with my friends, I have sponsors who support me, and the HCN is a place where I can be safe.

El Ayudante brings me multiple benefits such as: quality food, school supplies, and tutoring.

Thank God and El Ayudante for building my house for my family. It is a great blessing for us.



**We celebrate with Jenny Miranda, our former student, as she receives the deed for her first house.**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



My name is Gloria Justina Espinoza.

I have a degree in mathematics, and I have been working at El Ayudante for 12 years. I am very grateful to everyone and especially to God for the great opportunity he has given me in this place, which is a great blessing.

My experience with the students of the HCN center has been very good, since I have learned to increase my patience and tolerance every day. I give everything as a teacher so that these children are better students every day

In us is the love for these children. All their victories are our victories. Their sadness is our sadness.

For these experiences and feelings gained here, I thank God and El Ayudante for it all.





## Community Outreach

Important community outreach work funded by churches, organizations, and individuals enabled us to continue to reach out into the community with the love of Jesus in practical ways.

Food, sustainable farming, houses, and water filters help people in the communities we serve to be able to move from barely surviving to a basic quality of life. These outreach efforts help people to find stability in everyday life so they can work towards long-term solutions like job training, education, and employment for their families.





**Community House Construction**  
*Sponsored by  
Dublin United Methodist Church*

**Community House Construction**  
*Sponsored by  
Ringgold United Methodist Church*



**Blessing Bags containing Food and Other Essential Items for Community Leaders and Health Brigade from Rubén Darío Clinic**



**Blessing Bags and Water Filters**  
*Sponsored by*  
*Dublin United Methodist Church*



**Self-Sustainability Project**  
Sponsored by  
Dublin United Methodist Church



Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

**Blessing Bags**  
Sponsored by  
Ringgold United Methodist Church



My name is María Eugenia Pérez, I am the mother of Wincler, Valeria, and Valeska. I am grateful that through the HCN they have received support in their nutrition, education, and protection in general.

As a mother, they have also given me workshops to guide me on how to educate my children, as well as financial education workshops and Christian education workshops.

I am very grateful to El Ayudante and my children's sponsors for all the support and love they have given in different ways.

I especially thank God, because all the blessing come first from him.



## 2021 Expenditures

Category	Amount	Percentage
Food	\$44,226	16%
Medical	\$501	0.2%
Missions and Outreach	\$24,550	9%
Operational Expenses	\$24,387	9%
Professional Services	\$21,900	8%
Repairs and Maintenance	\$10,344	4%
Salary and Wage Expenses	\$123,913	44%
Supplies	\$17,810	6%
Utilities	\$12,335	4%

## A Word from our Executive Director

What happened at El Ayudante in 2021?

Giving the honor and glory to God for allowing THE Helper to continue operating in an extraordinary way, God is the essential protagonist who has touched hearts and has sent his Holy Spirit to renew and strengthen this ministry where day by day we are at the service of our neighbor.

God in His immense wisdom has given us everything we need to resist and win in difficult days, and we are the ones who must learn to use those tools that God left us in His word. What an encouragement to know that you have His presence! In the midst of the fight God does not hide, but he goes before you, fighting for you. (Deuteronomy 31:8).

In all this time God has been with us, He has been manifesting Himself in different ways, and that has filled us with a lot of faith, hope, and encouragement to continue even in the midst of many concerns or challenges that we have to face. We must remember his word ( Philippians 3:13-14) to focus on our goals and encourage us to move forward to help achieve the dreams of our children and adolescents from the HCN.

It is so exciting to share with you the joy that the success of finishing primary school gives us as we celebrate with Erlin, Evelyn, Marcos and Heyni. Each one of them worked very hard in their studies, and with dedication they managed to finish this stage of their lives, which without a doubt they managed to accomplish thanks to the support received from you through El Ayudante.

Also in December 2021 our campus was filled with great joy and great pride as we celebrated with Carlos García, who graduated High School. Carlos has been with us since preschool, so it is so special seeing him finishing this stage of life with radiant joy. He is excited to start a new stage by attending University to follow his dreams of becoming an Agroecology Engineer to serve our community.

There are not enough words to thank each of you who have been present with your prayers and your financial support for this Ministry.

I thank God first of all for manifesting himself with his love and mercy towards us and for each one of you our friends, sponsors, and donors. Everything you do allows El Ayudante to continue making a difference in the lives of each child, family, community at the same time.

God bless you!  
With love  
Vanessa Paz.







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