

El Ayudante
NICARAGUA

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EL AYUDANTE MISSION

PARTNERING WITH THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE TO TRANSFORM THE NATION– **ONE CHILD, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY** AT A TIME. HELPING DREAMS COME TRUE!"



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 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.

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TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS



VANESSA PAZ
El Ayudante
Executive Director

It is incredible to think of all the wonders that God made possible in the year 2022. It manifested in our lives in many ways. Faith, perseverance, and love were present this year, helping us face challenges and making dreams come true. **We started the year by adding 4 new children to our HCN Family.** This was a test of faith because even though we did not have sponsors, we were obedient to God's call to add new members to the HCN family. This was very exciting and filled us with much joy. Carlos José is 4 years old and affectionately has the nickname of Paquito. He is charming and the smallest of all. José David is 9 years old. He has an incredible personality and helps his mom in the chores of the house. Javier Josué is very sweet and chivalrous with everyone. Cristel Xiomara has a beautiful smile that lightens up the room. As always, the HCN gave psychological support to families who needed therapy to understand the role of parents. This is not easy, but with love, everything can be overcome, and we were able to achieve the expected objectives.

Another great achievement was the graduation of ALL our children to their next school grade. Jania Francela, Nahomí and Francisco José, finished their sixth grade and received their diplomas. They are now ready to take another step in search of their dreams and start their Secondary studies.

We are also very happy about another great accomplishment by the Sánchez sisters, **Alexandra and Stephanie**. They finished their secondary studies, and obtained a **high school diploma** which gives them the opportunity to start their university studies. They are working hard to make their dreams come true. We are also proud of the accomplishments of our youth who have graduated from the HCN program. They finished their studies and are working full-time serving the community where they live. We thank all our sponsors, friends, and donors as they have been a key partner for our children to follow the path, helping them reach their dreams.

Despite not having the presence of the missionary teams on our campus, EA staff continued carrying out the mission in the El Marañonal Community. Two houses were built, blessing two families. They no longer had to worry about the winter season because they had a new house. It was also the beginning of the self-sustainability program with the delivery of 11 piglets to 11 families. 176 fruit trees were also delivered. All the families were very excited about this new initiative, as it is a great blessing. We are making a difference - one child, one family, one community at a time.

I have always said EA is not the same without our teams. We really miss our North American brothers and sisters in Christ. It fills us with great excitement to know that **for 2023 we have already hosted 2 mission teams and have 10 more scheduled.** What a great way to start the year! I am also very excited about my visit to the USA to meet you all that I miss and love so much. It fills us with much hope and encourages us to continue each day in this beautiful ministry. Without your unconditional support it would not be possible to continue operating El Ayudante.

Thank you for your love and your prayers. **We're very excited and can't wait to see what God has in store for 2023!**

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In spite of the absence of mission teams, with the help of donations the communities were still blessed. The staff and children of EA were the hands and feet of Christ. We are excited to welcome teams back in 2023 to increase this blessing.

MAJOR PROJECTS

- School supplies as needed throughout the year.
- 3 Houses Constructed
- 366 Blessing Bags containing food and other basic essential items
- 176 fruit trees from our Sustainability Program were delivered to families in surrounding communities
- 11 piglets were also delivered from our Sustainability Program
- 175 children continue to be fed every Sunday at Maranonal church
- New Roof & Upgrades to Team House Dorms 3 & 4

COMMUNITIES SERVED

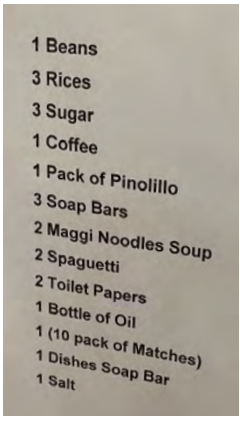
- Marañonal
- Rubén Darío Neighborhood
- Los Poetas Neighborhoods: (Antenor Sandino, Salomón de la Selva, Utrecht, Mariana Sampson, Azarías H. Pallais)
- Adiact Neighborhood

OUTREACH AREAS

- Ruben Dario Health Center
- Lamb of God Church



BLESSING BAGS





MISSIONS















2022 EXPENDITURES

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Food	$44,499	15%
Medical	$562	0%
Missions and Outreach	$31,048	11%
Operational Expenses	$7,185	2%
Professional Services	$31,836	11%
Repairs and Maintenance	$21,691	7%
Salary and Wage Expenses	$128,957	44%
Supplies	$12,692	4%
Utilities	$14,176	5%
TOTAL	$292,646	



I have **worked at EA for 9 years**. Working at El Ayudante has changed my life. I love to see the great LOVE that they come with, and the great LOVE that the missionary teams and the 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, reminding me of this beautiful biblical verse:

"My command is this: "Love each other as I have loved you".
JOHN 15:12

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 as it is a very special time, where can I see the happiness of the children and their sponsors when talking and seeing each other through a video call. This makes me very happy.

DORA OROZCO

El Ayudante Staff

May God bless you. For me, one of the biggest benefits that has impacted our community is the program house construction, since the different families have had a change of life and worthy houses. Also the food program has been very important since we have very poor families that have limited resources, and thanks to God through the benefits El Ayudante brings, these needs are met.

Thanks to God, El Ayudante has made so many changes in this community in the years they have been working here. They have supported us in several ways and we have seen the good changes in the community. We are a united community which reminds me of the Bible verse:

"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread."

PSALM 37:25 NIV

Spiritual Aid is very important in our lives. Through El Ayudante we have learned more about Jesus Christ's Love by how El Ayudante has modeled God's Love while you support, help us and collaborate with our families. That way we feel that God is always with us and now we even have a new Church building. Thank God, El Ayudante through its mission teams have taught The Word of God as well. More people have come to church to congregate, and people have gotten closer to God.



MARCELA

Maranonal Community Leader



FAMILY OF 6

- Genoveva Ruiz, 65
- Meyling Aracelly Ruiz, 27
  Genoveva's daughter and mother of:
  - Elias Jose 11 years old
  - Ricardo Josue, 9 years old
  - Sadrac Martin, 5 years old
  - Sair Exequiel, 10 month old

For me, sharing with El Ayudante has been one the most wonderful experiences I ever had. To know these beautiful people, who built me a beautiful house that I could not have built it myself since I lacked the resources to do it. I am tremendously grateful to God and El Ayudante and for all of those beautiful people who have made possible to bring all these blessings. I know they do this with all their hearts.

The most beautiful gift that God has made for me is giving the blessing of having my little house built through El Ayudante and all of those people. Even though I do not know them, I know they are full of good will and my expectation is for them to continue being used by God to bless others in the same way I was blessed. I say hello to all of you and send so many blessings to you all. May God Bless You.

GENOVEVA RUIZ

El Maranonal Community Member
House Construction Beneficiary



HOW HAS GOD IMPACTED YOUR LIFE BY BELONGING TO THIS MINISTRY?

Well, God has been our redeemer, our guide and all of this is very important because I feel that God has done so many things in my life, especially the help in caring for my son. I am a single mother, and have not been working for about 6 years, which is the same of age my son Javier. I needed to take care of him since there was no one else that could. Now I am working and feel peace in my heart that he is in a good place where he is safe, fed, and where people love him and take care of him.

The workshops we have received, I feel, are a way God has helped me a lot. I have changed a lot in my temperament and character. Now I am more flexible and comprehensive with my children. I am grateful for the attention and care that this ministry provides through their staff, teachers and sponsors. May our God be blessing you in a great way, grace for all of you.

MRS MARCELA

Javier's Mom





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.

Lauren

MARANONAL CHILDREN FEEDING CENTER – FEEDS ~ 175 CHILDREN EVERY SUNDAY









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.

HCN SCHOOL SUPPLIES





For me, El Ayudante means a lot more than a project or an organization. It is our home. I thank El Ayudante very much for that, and that they have always been there for me in everything I need. They have helped me so much.

I thank God for impacting my life by allowing me to be part of this ministry. I always thank God for everything He has done for me. I am also thankful for my Padrinos who always take care of me. Also, I will be always thankful for El Ayudante for giving me a home, a community, a family.

CARLOS GARCIA

HCN University Student

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!



HCN FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION



NEW KIDS JOINING THE PROGRAM






PRAYER TIME



SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR PAQUITO



NEW SHOES PROVIDED FOR THE CHILDREN



PARTY AND PRACTICING A DANCE




HEADED TO SCHOOL








HOMEWORK AND ARTWORK






FUN AND GAMES





FOOD!





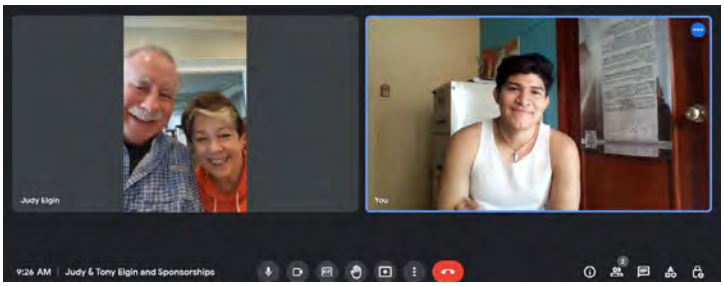
FUN WORKING ON POSTURE



VIDEO CALLS IN NICARAGUA WITH SPONSORS – ALWAYS A BIG HIT







MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION









PARTNERING WITH THE PARENTS













ONE OF THE KIDS FAVORITES...A PIZZA PARTY!


OUR AMAZING HCN STAFF








PIÑATA TIME!



COOKING CLASS





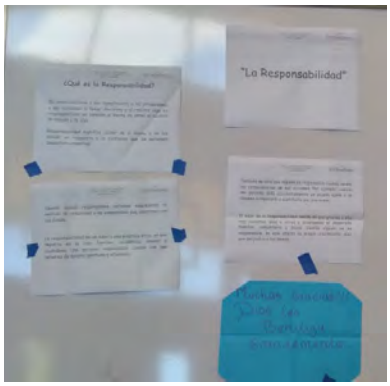


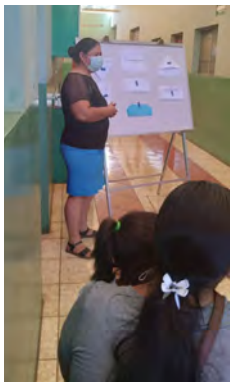

COOKING EGGS

PARENTING CLASSES FOR NEW MOMS



HCN NEW PARENTS

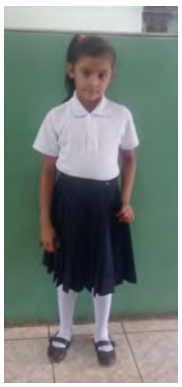






HCN NEW STUDENTS








CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND BASKETS











DAVID IS HONORED FOR HIS GRADES AND FRANCELLA, NAHOMI AND JOSE RECEIVE THEIR GRADUATION CERTIFICATES




HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Alexandra Maradiaga
studies Marketing
at UNAN University in Leon



Stephanie Maradiaga
studies Pharmacy
at UNAN University in Leon

THESE 2 SISTERS ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILY TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL. WE NOW HAVE A TOTAL OF 12 GRADUATES. DREAMS ARE COMING TRUE!

TECHNICAL SCHOOL GRADUATE





VALERIA COMPLETED HER TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND IS NOW LOOKING FOR HER DREAM JOB!



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