

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

El Ayudante
NICARAGUA

PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

Partnering with the Nicaraguan people to transform the nation: One Child, One Family, One Community at a time.

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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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!

TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS

How beautiful the Lord is! In January, we started very excited, full of energy and hope with two missionary groups carrying out different projects in the communities, and also on our campus. It was a great to start the year with the staff and children of the HCN. I also had the opportunity to visit my American family who has supported EA throughout the years. I will never forget each one of you who came to hear about EA and who supported with your donations, your prayers and your love. I will treasure in my heart forever, all my brothers and sisters in Christ who welcomed me into your homes. Your hospitality made me feel at home. God is faithful to His word... We just need to believe, be full of faith and wait for what the Lord will do in His time. We must be patient. EA has been through many challenges, but let me tell you, EA is proof of God's great power. I will give you an update on what was achieved in 2023 in our beautiful El Ayudante Ministry in Nicaragua: This year in primary and secondary education we had a graduation rate of 90%! What a great achievement...Glory to God!

- Sharith Tòrrez and Adonis Penado graduated from primary school and were promoted to secondary school, this is a big step in their lives. They are the first in their family to finish primary school.
- Yasuri Tòrrez graduated from high school and is applying to university to be a veterinary student. We are very proud of her for everything she has done to achieve this great goal and follow her dreams. She is also the first in her family to graduate. Blessed be God forever!
- It fills us with great pride and joy that we have 6 young people at the University: Andrea Lòpez, Celeste Castillo, Fernando Rojas, Carlos Garcìa, Alexandra Sànchez and Stephanie Sànchez. We are also supporting alternative education as part of the HCN Prodigal Son program for three young people: Ericka Juarez is taking Makeup courses. Erick Juàrez is in a Barbering course and Yatzuri Gutierrez is in Acrylic Nails courses. It is a blessing for them to continue with their goals to be self sufficient.

What was the impact on communities in 2023? Thanks to the presence of 14 mission groups on our campus, we were able to make a great impact on the lives of many families in need. 5 houses were built in the community of El Marañonal. 341 blessing bags and 95 water filters were distributed. As part of the self-sustainability program, 1017 chickens were distributed to benefit 41 families. We are very proud of Ramon Alvarado who has started his own broiler chicken business and has even bigger plans (see his testimony later in the report).

Thank you to each one of you for your love and generosity! Thanks to our friends, sponsors, and donors for your unconditional support and for your prayers. Because of YOU, we are continuing to make a difference - ONE Child, ONE Family, ONE Community at the time. We are so excited and proud of all the accomplishments of 2023 and can't wait to see what God has in store for El Ayudante in 2024. We are confident that He has big plans. I want to end with my favorite verse, Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." **God bless you all!**



VANESSA PAZ
El Ayudante, Executive Director

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

With the help of mission teams and donations our barrios were amazingly blessed. The staff and children of EA were the hands and feet of Christ. We are very excited welcoming teams back to campus increased these blessings to the community!

MAJOR PROJECTS

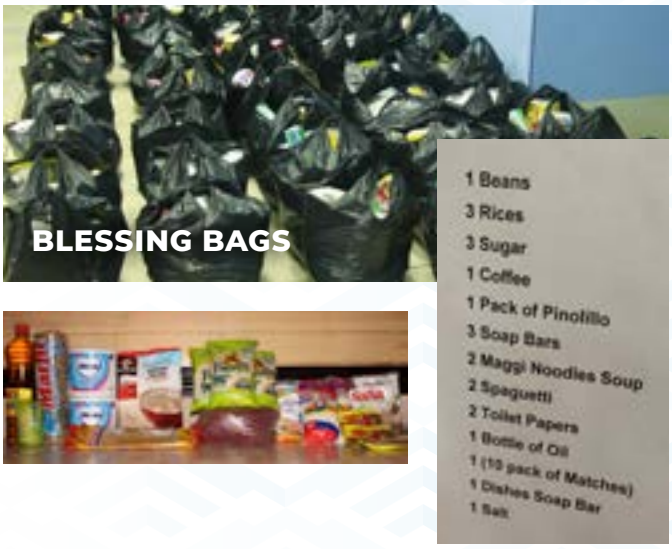
- School supplies as needed throughout the year
- 95 Water filters delivered to families
- 341 Blessing Bags containing food and other basic essential items
- 5 Houses Constructed
- 1750 fruit trees from our **Sustainability Program** were delivered to families in surrounding communities
- 1017 Baby chicks and feed
- 10 Baby piglets
- 175 children continue to be fed every Sunday at Maranonal church
- 909 Cattle vitamins and deworm treatment
- New Roof for Rancho and 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





2023 EXPENDITURES

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Food	$62,116	14.6%
Medical	$871	0.2%
Community Missions	$69,464	16.3%
Operational Expenses	$36,640	8.6%
Professional Services	$38,554	9.0%
Repairs and Maintenance	$36,745	8.6%
Salary and Wage Expenses	$149,272	35.0%
Supplies	$14,224	3.3%
Utilities	$18,461	4.3%
TOTAL	$426,347	

Through El Ayudante, and thier mission groups, God has blessed me a lot.

I feel very grateful to God, El Ayudante, and the volunteers because God touches their hearts to bring so many blessings to our community. I feel very favored to have received my pig and also the food packages they bring us. I am very thankful and very happy with my pig because I had never had one before. I thank God and the missionaries because now I have been able to raise my pigs. My pig is already an adult and thank God she had her first litter of







December 2022

3 piglets. I am happy with them and with this project. I plan to continue raising pigs and breeding them, which is a great blessing for my family because through this I can have an income for my family and even more food.

May God bless you. Amen.

MAYRA ALVAREZ

Community member at Marañonal
Piglet project beneficiary



First of all, I am so thankful to my Lord and God who has blessed me so much with all of these projects.

I also thank all brothers and sisters and missionaries from El Ayudante for blessing me with Chicken Projects, fruit trees. I want to thank El Ayudante for the construction of our house. Many thanks to God!

I am also thankful that we keep working together. I am thankful that you continue to work with the rest of my friends from the community. God willing, I will continue working hard with this chicken project and harvesting more success. I want to have a big farm with more chickens and even introduce new brands of chicken and also egg-laying hens in addition to the broilers. Now my purpose is to kickstart with egg-laying hens and start selling eggs. From this project I have had the opportunity to have food at home and a good surplus for selling and kickstarting my own small chicken business. Many thanks to God! Since I started this project I have already completed 6 breeding cycles with my chickens.

I thank God and all of you for supporting me and providing this blessing to me.

May God bless you all!

RAMON ALVARADO

Community member at Marañonal
Chicken project beneficiary



Working at El Ayudante has been a great blessing in my life, economically for the well-being of my family, socially, spiritually, and educationally, because I have had the opportunity to help children and young people prepare to thrive in life, serving as their teacher and guide in their comprehensive education.

Here in this beautiful place, I have been able to witness the great blessing that God pours out on families and children through the sponsorship program at HCN, which has been very special and very blessed for El Ayudante in general, as well as for all our children, as they support them in their education, and in all the needs that our HCN children and young people have. To witness all this and be part of it fills me with great joy.

To me El Ayudante means a place of blessing that God is using to bless many people in this community, both children, their families, as well as workers, their families, and many in local communities. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to work here for many years.

GLORIA NIÑO

El Ayudante Teacher



Through El Ayudante, God has blessed my life in many ways and has helped me in my personal, emotional, and spiritual growth. They have supported me a lot in my education, including providing food and many material things that I have been in great need of, such as a roof since they built my room where I live with my Mom (grandmother).

I was 10 years old when I started in the HCN project at El Ayudante while attending fifth grade in elementary school. Today, I am 18 years old and I am currently in my fifth year of high school, and God willing, I will graduate this same year. Soon, I will start university, and I have the desire and dream to pursue a degree in Agricultural Engineering. All of this has been thanks to God, the support of El Ayudante and my sponsors who have always been there to lend me a helping hand.

Thank you very much to everyone.

God bless you.

YESPRIN
El Ayudante Student



I am very grateful to God and to all the people at El Ayudante. God has blessed me because I am a person of 87 years of age and I no longer have a job. I have gone through many illnesses, including heart problems.

I am very grateful to God and El Ayudante who have helped me greatly with Yesprin, and thanks to that, he is now in his fifth year of high school, and my dream is to see him succeed in his career and become successful in life. Here they help me, thank God, with everything that I cannot provide for him; with his food, his uniform, his school supplies, and education. For all of that, I am very grateful to God, to El Ayudante, and also to all the people out there who have reached out to support me.

I have to be grateful to God for everything since He is the one who blessed me to wake up today, He is the one who makes all things possible.

May God bless you all.

Thank you very much.

MARTHA CAMPOS

Yesprin's Grandmother

STUDENTS ADDED IN JANUARY



"Hi, I'm Joel. I was born in Leon on August 4th. I live with my granny, grandpa, sisters, cousin, and uncles. My favorite food is "Gallo Pinto'. My favorite color is Blue. My favorite animals are dogs, and chickens. I love to play hide and seek and also play soccer. I want to be a firefighter when I grow up, God bless you all."



"Hi, God bless you. My name is Ashley. I was born in Leon Nicaragua on November 25th. I live with my mom and my sister. My favorite colors are green and purple and my favorite animals are cats and parakeets. I love playing soccer with my older sister and my cousins. I want to become a police officer when I grow up."



"Hello, My name is Leam Carlos. I was born in Leon on December 3rd. I love playing with my car toys, I also love playing games outside. I live with mom, dad, granny, and grandpa. I love them very much. My favorite animal is the dog. When I grow up I want to be a firefighter. God bless you my friends!"

CHICKEN PROJECT

We teach families and communities how to start their own business selling homemade food or utilizing sustainable food programs, like selling chickens, and growing fruit trees. There is a big success story for the chicken program: A young man named Cornelio in Marañonal was given 25 chickens and feed in June of 2023. He raised them and was able to provide food for his family and sell some so he could buy more. After about 8 weeks, with the money from the chickens he sold, he bought 35 more to eat and sell. The third time he bought 50, and he is about ready to buy more . . . his business is growing, and he is providing his family high quality protein to eat!









ROOF FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN SUCCESS





2023











GRADUATION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting High School in 2024


SHARI


ADONIS









I WANT TO BE A . . .



YASSURI



ADONIS



SHARI

YASSURI HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Starting college in 2024: Veterinary Medicine







My name is Yassuri, and I am 16 years old. I have been at El Ayudante since I was 9. First of all, I thank God above everything. For allowing me to be in this ministry. It is a second home and family for me. I just graduated high school, and I am about to start a new journey to fulfill my dreams. My dream is to get into college and become a good veterinarian. I know I will face many challenges and it will take much effort, but I am sure that I will succeed with God's help and the support of you all. Because everything is possible for those who believe.

YASSURI

El Ayudante Student

TOP GRADES IN CLASS



Help us congratulate Angie for getting **90.8%** earning her second place for 4th grade!



Help us congratulate Francella in getting third place for her 1st year in high school with a **90.4%**!



Evelin was the best in her class with a **94%**! She is in her second year of high school!

MEETING WITH MOTHERS TO SIGN HCN GUIDELINES AND DELIVERY OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES







WORKSHOP WITH PARENTS: PARENTING STYLES



SHARING WITH A MISSIONARY GROUP







BIBLE SCHOOL: TOPIC: YOUR PERSONAL PURPOSE





CELEBRATION OF MOTHER'S DAY





WATER FILTERS







BAKING COOKIES

After receiving a Snickerdoodle Cookie recipe from a mission team, the teachers decided to try their hand at baking. Our little bakers and the HCN staff had a blast whipping up batches of delicious cookies for everyone! Not only did they love making them, but they also indulged in a few themselves (who could resist?). Everyone enjoyed the treats, and we're happy to share some sweet snapshots (sorry you can't eat them because they ate them all. We hope the photos bring a smile to your face as much as they did to ours.









SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORMS









EBENEZER BIBLE STUDY, GIVING GOD THANKS





DEVOTION





FRUIT TREES FOR FAMILIES







FUN TIMES













BLESSINGS BAGS, FLIP FLOPS, TEAMS, AND FAMILIES









KIDS LEARNING

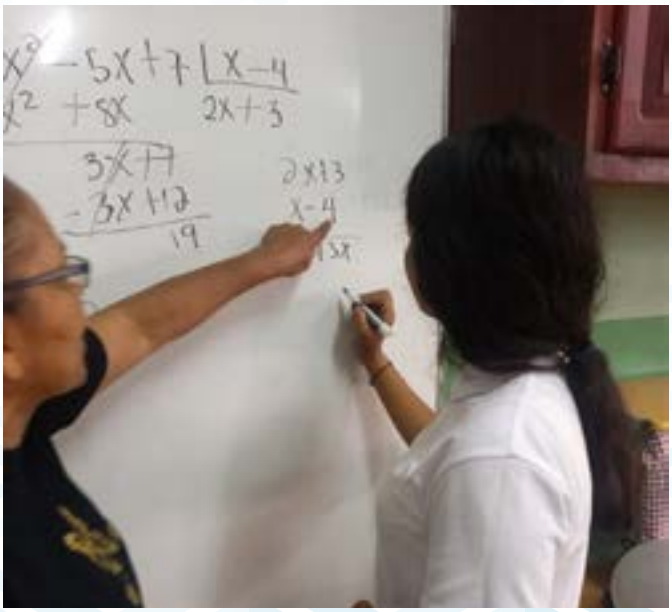












FRESH COAT OF PAINT ON THE RANCHO



PRAYING WITH AN HCN CHILD



SPONSOR PLAYING CATCH WITH THEIR CHILD



BIRTHDAY PARTIES





CHRISTMAS PARTY PREPARATIONS AND CRAFTS






CHRISTMAS PARTY








PICKLEBALL









FEED AND BOXES OF BABY CHICKS









TEAM PHOTOS WITH BUS





HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AND PAINTING











HOUSE BUILD DEDICATION







VOLLEYBALL TEAM WITH HCN KIDS



PIZZA PARTY WITH FAMILY & MISSION TEAM









ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS











PRAYER











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HELPING DREAMS COME TRUE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP A CHILD'S DREAM COME TRUE, PLEASE VISIT:
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