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2024
ANNUAL REPORT

El Ayudante
NICARAGUA

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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!

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TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS

It is incredible to think of all the wonders that God has made possible this year.

We see it in so many ways. Faith, perseverance, and love are present more than ever.

The challenges are great, but He is even greater, helping dreams come true.

We are proud of all our children and are excited for them to chase their dreams. See Marisol's update later in the report to see everything that is going on at the HCN. I do want to highlight Andrea, who has persevered through many challenges and will graduate university with a teaching degree. She is our 4th college graduate. Thank you for your support that has helped all our children chase their dreams!

You, our supporters are the heart of this ministry. Just like God called us to add children, He has called each of you to support this ministry. This year you gave to upgrade the children's playground. We also have an AED so that we are ready to save a life if an emergency happens. We pray that we won't need to use it, but if we need it, we are trained and ready.

Teams have been a big blessing. None bigger than building homes for 2 of our kids in Need. Carlos lived in a dangerous neighborhood, and Javier's living conditions were not good. You should have seen the giant smiles on their faces when the construction was complete. We are excited to announce that this years teams are scheduled to build a house for Jose David and Lian who are currently living in poor conditions.

We are excited to already have 16 teams with a total of 173 people booked for 2025. This is good, but our goal is to get back to the pre-COVID numbers when we hosted over 400 missionaries every year. It's not too late to bring a team this year or start planning for 2026. I know that feels like a long time from now, but it will be here before you know it. I encourage you to sign up now to make sure the week you want is available. We can't wait to host you in Nicaragua in the near future. Thank you for all your love and support.

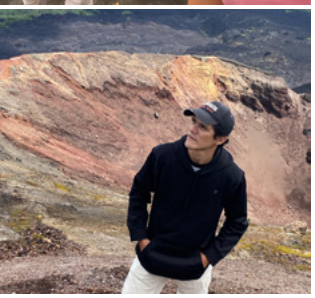
Gloria a Dios!



VANESSA PAZ
El Ayudante, Executive Director









May God Bless You everyone! My name is Franklin. I am the Community coordinator of your great El Ayudante family. Thanks to God I have been working here for almost 12 years. I started working as an independent interpreter. In 2015, thanks to God, I was offered a full-time position here as Community Coordinator.

Working in this place has been very special. It is amazing that I can work here while I am serving God by serving my neighbors within our communities, working alongside teams and the entire EA staff. Of course, this is one of my favorite parts of being in this wonderful EA family.

> The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
>
> Matthew 25:40

These are two of Franklin's favorite bible verses

> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters
>
> Colossians 3:23

I also love to share Ebenezer's devotion with teams. It is a way to thank God and remember how good He has been to me and my family and everybody here at El Ayudante. I really thank God for the opportunity of being here. It gives me the blessing of a stable income for my family. In this, I see God's goodness and mercy and His provision. El Ayudante is a place where I find peace from God in everything that I do! At the end, this is what working here means to me: God's peace, family, and service while helping others one child, one family, one community at a time. God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good. God bless you!

FRANKLIN

Community Coordinator

SUSTAINABLE MINISTRIES

FEEDING DREAMS, ONE CHICKEN AT A TIME





Yasmina Miranda lives in Rubén Darío Neighborhood with her husband who battles chronic kidney disease and requires dialysis, making it hard for them to have a stable income.

In spite of this, Yasmina and her husband still place their trust and faith in God, knowing that He is their provider. They give thanks to God that as a part of the self-sustaining program, El Ayudante provided them with broiler chickens to raise at their home. This has helped provide income and food for their family.

EA provided 25 broiler chicks and more than 200 kilograms of feed for those chicks. Yasmina has worked very hard to take advantage of this opportunity. Gloria a Dios!

They now have a sustainable good source of protein, bringing their family food security. They occasionally have a surplus to sell in order to buy other essential items.

Last year with the earnings, they purchased a new breed of chickens, feather legged laying hens. Now that the 8 new baby hens and a rooster are mature, they lay eggs that they can eat.

They have also introduced ducks that reproduce quickly. They already have duck eggs and meat.

Occasionally, Yasmina and her husband cook soup from their broiler chickens to eat and sell for income.

With God's help, Yasmina's hard work, and the support of El Ayudante, Yasmina is making a better life for her family. We are very proud of her! This year, we will provide an additional 25 broiler chickens so she can grow her business and support her family. We can't wait to see her business grow and be self-sufficient.

We give God the glory for all of this.

SUSTAINABLE MINISTRIES

BEARING MORE THAN JUST FRUIT





In 2023 God gave us the opportunity to include Maria Felix and her family to be a part of the Self-Sustaining Program. Maria lives in the Marañonal Community. She was given approximately 14 fruit trees: guava, soursop, avocado, lemon, papaya, and other varieties. She also received organic fertilizer to help the trees grow.

We are so happy to see how Maria and her daughter, Angelica, have been working hard, taking care of their gift so they would produce a lot of fruit. Maria gave the trees to her daughter. Angelica is doing a great job taking care of them. You can tell by how fast they are growing!

Their Guava trees have already produced fruit twice in only 2 years. You can also see by the pictures that the papayas are abundant with fruit. These trees are a huge blessing from God to their family.

As papaya trees only bear fruit once, her family collected the papaya seeds when they eat the fruit to replant the seeds so they have more papaya trees. The picture is a second round of Papaya. This second harvest came from the seeds of the first Papaya trees that, thanks to God, we gave her.

María and Angelica are so happy with their fruit trees! Thanks to God, they now get to eat this delicious fruit. They are generous with their blessing, sharing with other people from their family an their neighbors. We thank God. God Bless you.

HCN UPDATES

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE HCN

It is incredible to think of all the activities that God made possible through the El Ayudante – HCN in 2024. Faith was key to achieving all our goals.

The children of the EA families received a balanced diet, support in physical and mental health, educational tutoring, and recreation. Our on-site psychologist provided counseling for our children and their families that help them through life's difficulties. On our campus, the children enjoyed a healthy environment where the HCN staff cultivate Christian values.

Every activity we carried out was done in partnership with our local work team, sponsors and Missionaries who each year serve at El Ayudante.

In 2024 we are pleased to report that thanks to God it was possible for three new children to enter our HCN School Reinforcement Center.

Leam – 5 years old in preschool

Joel – 10 years old in 4th grade

Ashley – 9 years old in 3rd grade

Our children continued their success in the classroom! This year 100% of our children advanced to the next grade in school. Several of our children achieved major milestones in their education journey. When this happens, we have special activities celebrating their achievement.

Promoted from Preschool – Carlos & Leam

Promoted to High School – José David & Cristel

Promoted to College – Yesprin & Valeska

We encourage all students to do their best to get good grades. This year the top 3 in HCN grades were Anielka, Evelin and Valeska, all above 90%!

With the help of missionary teams and sponsors, something wonderful was accomplished. Two plots of land were purchased, and houses were built for Javier and Carlos. There was also a major refurbishment of Andrea's house.

> "Thus far the LORD has helped us."
>
> 1 Samuel 7:12 – Ebenezer

Knowing that we are working so that every child has a safe place, a quality education and a promising future makes us feel happy because we are all part of these changes and a new opportunity every day.

Something that I do not want to miss is the donation of Bibles that was made to children so that we do not forget that the beginning and foundation of all things is always God.

At HCN our main objective is to take care of the well-being of children, adolescents and young people, always providing comprehensive care from the first day they become part of our EA family.

As a team we are grateful to God for the impact we have as an organization.

Thank you all for your love!



MARISOL
HCN Director

HCN UPDATES - NEW KIDS ADDED

THREE NEW JOURNEYS BEGAN IN 2024







JOEL

Joel is a 10 year-old who joined our program in 2024. His dream is to help people by being a fireman.

LEAM CARLOS

Leam is 6 years old, he joined our EA family in 2024. He loves to play with toy cars. He is not very big, but is strong, and most people think he is adorable. He wants to be a firefighter when he grows up.

ASHLEY

Ashley is a 9-year-old who joined EA in 2024. In school, she enjoys math and can say her numbers from 1 to 10 in English.

BACKPACKS FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW







HCN UPDATES - NEW KIDS ADDED

4 BRIGHT NEW BEGINNINGS IN 2025



ALEXA

Alexa came to EA in January 2025. She was born on October 12, 2019. She lives with her mom in her grandmothers house. Grandma is disabled and has many health issues. Alexa goes to preschool, and her favorite color is pink. She loves to play with her dog. She also likes to play with her stuffed toys and her cousin Briana. She dreams of becoming a doctor.



JOSÉ GABRIEL

Jose Gabriel came to EA in January 2025. He was born on August 13, 2017, and is in the second grade. Jose lives with his elderly father and little brother. He loves to play baseball with his dad and little brother. His favorite color is blue, and he enjoys coloring. He has a little dog that he loves.



JULISSA

Julissa came to EA in January 2025. She was born on September 27, 2014, and is in the fourth grade. Her favorite color is pink, and she loves to color. Julissa lives with her grandma who is not able to help with her studying. She loves to play kickball with her little brother Joshua.



LIAN

Lian came to EA in January 2025. He was born on February 26, 2016, and is in third grade. His favorite color is red. He lives with his mother, father, and 2 siblings. He is eager to learn, but his living conditions make it difficult to study. Lian loves to play the game cat and mouse with them. His favorite animal is the elephant.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATIONS



CARLOS



LEAM



Leam & Carlos with
HCN Teacher Kailyn

PRIMARY SCHOOL GRADUATIONS



CRISTEL



JOSÉ DAVID

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATIONS



YESPRIN



VALESKA





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SUPPLIES FOR ACRYLIC NAIL TRADE SCHOOL TO BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT



ERICKA

HCN UPDATES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

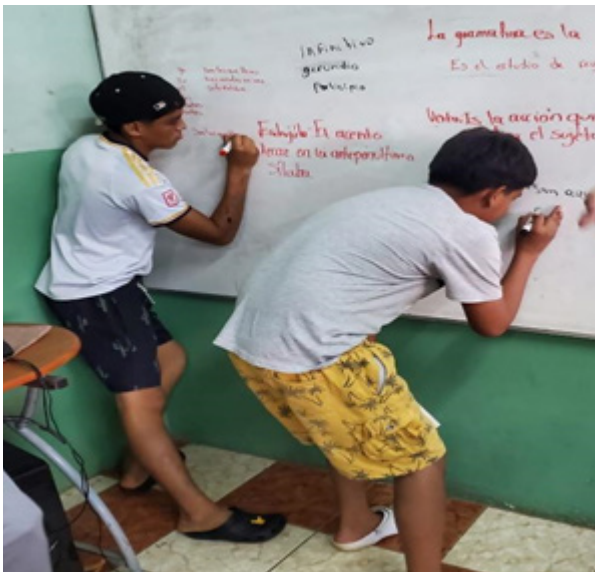






CLASSWORK

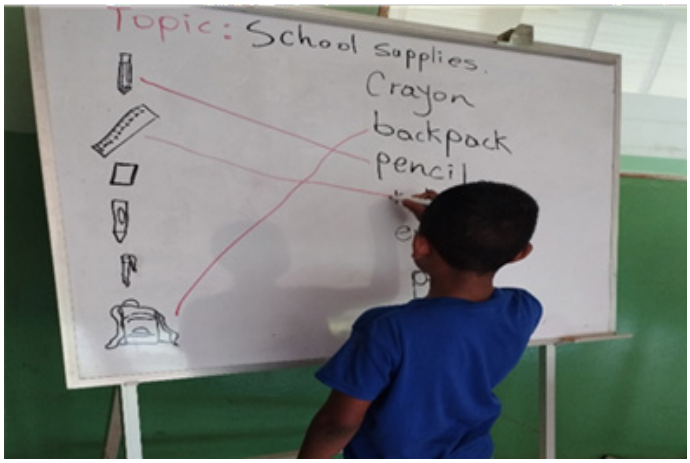


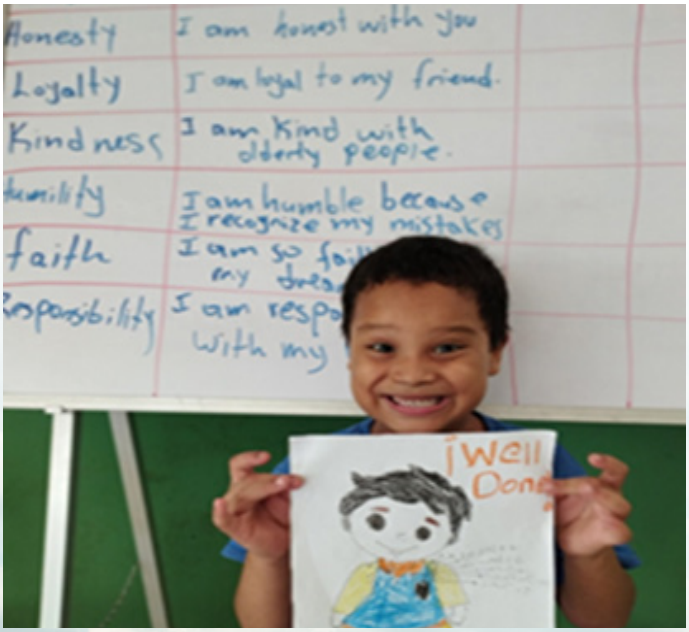









Topic: School supplies.
Crayon
backpack
pencil


Honesty
I am honest with you
Loyalty
I am loyal to my friend.
Kindness
I am kind with
elderly people.
humility
I am humble because
I recognize my mistakes
faith
I am so
my
Responsibility
I am
With my
¡Well



HCN UPDATES

BIBLES FOR STAFF, STUDENTS, AND BIBLE STUDY







HCN UPDATES

BIRTHDAY PARTIES





















HCN UPDATES

CHRISTMAS PARTY





THE DIFFERENCE WE MADE IN 2024

With the help of mission teams and generous donations, our surrounding neighborhoods were truly blessed. Mission teams, along with the support of our EA staff and children, were the hands and feet of Christ—a tremendous blessing!

MAJOR PROJECTS

- School supplies as needed throughout the year
- Playground painting and upgrade with new equipment
- 447 Patients seen
- 185 Hygiene kits delivered
- 750 Snacks shared with mission trips
- 100 Water filters delivered to families
- 345 Blessing Bags containing food and other basic essential items
- 4 Houses constructed
- 9 Construction projects
- 1176 fruit trees from our **Sustainability Program** were delivered to 84 families in surrounding communities
- 1650 Baby chicks and feed were delivered to 66 families in surrounding communities
- Kitchen remodeling at Marañonal Church
- 175 children continue to be fed every Sunday at Marañonal church

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

2024 MISSION TEAMS

ST MATTHEWS UMC, NORTH CAROLINA



SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL TEAM, VIRGINIA



2024 MISSION TEAMS

FIRST BAPTIST ALAMO, TN



SPONSORSHIP TEAM



2024 MISSION TEAMS

RIO NUEVO CHURCH, VIRGINIA



SETH'S TEAM, KENTUCKY











2024 MISSION TEAMS

CITY CHURCH OF EAST NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



NORCROSS GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH, GEORGIA



2024 MISSION TEAMS

COVENANT UMC CORDOVA, TENNESSEE



EBENEZER SIGN WHERE MISSION TEAMS LAY DOWN A ROCK AND GIVE GOD THANKS FOR HIS MANY BLESSINGS





2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

THE GIFT OF CLEAN WATER















2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

BLESSING BAGS - MEETING BASIC NEEDS





BLESSING BAGS

1 Beans
3 Rices
3 Sugar
1 Coffee
1 Pack of Pinolillo
3 Soap Bars
2 Maggi Noodles Soup
2 Spaguetti
2 Toilet Papers
1 Bottle of Oil
1 10 pack of Matches
1 Dishes Soap
1 Salt









2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL TEAM CHECKUPS











2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL TEAM CHECKUPS









2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

FRUIT TREES - NUTRITIOUS FRESH FRUIT















2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

CONSTRUCTION - BUILDING A HOME











2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

CONSTRUCTION WORK









2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

VBS CRAFTS AND FUN WITH KIDS





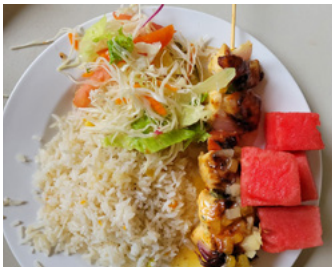
2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT

OUR MISSION TEAMS: ARE FUELED TO DO GOD'S WORK



























2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT - HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

YOU HELPED BUILD HOPE: A NEW HOME FOR CARLOS













CARLOS, THE FIRST BAPTIST ALAMO MISSION TEAM, AND THE CREW THAT HELPED BUILD HIS NEW HOME

I am now in the fourth year of my career in the university, which is Agronomy and has a lot to do with the science and economics of agriculture. I am doing my best to reach graduation in 2 years and reach all my goals.

I give thanks to God because last year an El Ayudante mission team built my house. I am very happy for such a wonderful gift, and am learning to be more responsible and independent. In this new stage of my life, I am learning to do all the chores in my new house and keep it in order. I know that I have to work hard every day.

Thank you very much for always remembering me with much love and being able to count on your support. God bless you abundantly.

Much love!

CARLOS
One of seven college students that EL Ayudante supports

YOU HELPED BUILD HOPE: A NEW HOME FOR JAVIER





Hello everyone. God Bless you. We thank God for his infinite mercy. I thank the Lord that he has allowed my son to be in the HCN, and they have opened their doors for me. Because of that, I feel that the Lord has blessed me from the moment my child is there, God has opened doors.

He has put his love and grace in the hearts of each one of you. Many thanks to the missionary teams, because they have been in everything for my child and each of the children who are in this program. I am grateful because I know that I have been blessed with my child being in the EA program. Thanks to that, God has blessed me with the fact that the doors of work have been opened for me. I work calmly because I know that my child is in a good place where he has a lot of love and appreciation. In particular, they help him with his studies. I am very grateful in this regard to everyone who works in this program, grateful because I know that you have always been there for our children.

One of the most important, the most beautiful, the greatest thing they have done is the new home that they built for us. First of all, I thank God for this, because it is Him who puts it in the hearts of each one of you. This has been a great blessing.

May God bless you, and always give strength and wisdom to each and every one of you. Thank you for everything, and may God continue to bless you!

MARCELA TORRES
Javier's mother





PREVIOUS HOME

2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT - PROPERTY UPGRADES

YOU HELPED UPGRADE THE PLAYGROUND















PLAYGROUND BEFORE

PAINTING









2024 MISSION TEAMS IMPACT - PROPERTY UPGRADES

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)





YOUR DONATIONS MAY HELP SAVE A LIFE!

2024 CLASS OF EL AYUDANTE INTERNS

INVESTING IN FUTURE CHANGEMAKERS

We had 3 amazing interns this year. Lauren was our design intern. She updated both the kids prayer cards, and the big board of the sponsored kids including an old picture and a new one, it looks great.



Jess supported visiting mission teams while focusing on promoting EA on social media. She made a big difference on our social media presence.

And Anna helped the teachers with lessons and teaching the children at the HCN.

THEY WERE ALL A HUGE BLESSING TO EA!

"Being an intern requires patience and flexibility; the EA staff embodied each of these qualities throughout my experience, and I was blessed to witness their immense faith in the Lord." **LAUREN**

"I remembered how to "love like Jesus." This internship taught me that I can love others fully and still experience other emotions like sadness and pain when it is time to leave." **JESS**

"The Lord is sovereign over our circumstances, and our weakness is made perfect in His strength. I am grateful I worked at a ministry that embodies the kingdom, and I am grateful to see how God is working through El Ayudante." **ANNA**



LAUREN, JESS, AND ANNA

MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT

2024 EXPENDITURES

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Food	$ 66,296	14.4%
Medical	$1,046	0.3%
Missions and Outreach	$90,484	19.7%
Operational Expenses	$37,301	8.1%
Professional Services	$41,487	9.0%
Repairs and Maintenance	$15,484	3.4%
Salary and Wage Expenses	$171,411	37.3%
Supplies	$17,971	3.9%
Utilities	$18,022	3.9%
TOTAL	$459,502	





ONE CHILD, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

HELPING DREAMS COME TRUE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP A CHILD'S DREAM COME TRUE, PLEASE VISIT:
https://eanicaragua.com/sponsor-a-child/



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