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NEW YEAR, NEW TEAMS

We currently have 12 mission teams (~150 people) signed up and ready to make an impact in the 2024 calendar year! We still have openings and would love to host you. Interested in bringing a team? Email us here to learn more!

WE HAVE 3 NEW KIDS!

Our 3 new children started January 8. They are sponsored for their first year! They will now receive nutritious meals and tutoring daily so they can succeed in school. With your continued prayers and mentoring from our staff who give guidance and share God's love, they can chase their dreams.

Click here to sponsor one of our 3 new children: Leam, Ashley, and Joel



Congratulations to our Graduates



Yassuri



Shari



Adonis





Word from a Sponsor

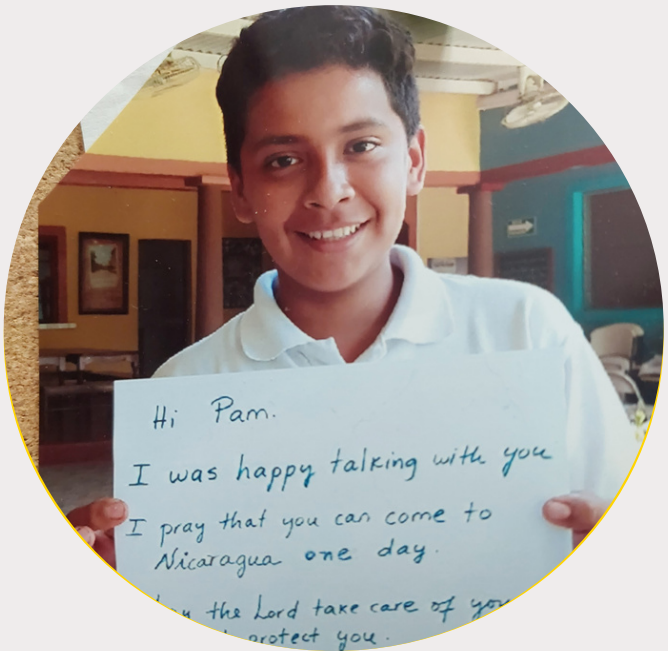
"Sometime around 2009, I took my first mission trip to El Ayudante. That's when I found out their slogan—"One child. One family. One community at a time." Yes, we were building homes and teaching Vacation Bible School. But more importantly, while we were doing that, the staff at El Ayudante was making sure that children were being taken care of who did not have the care at home that they needed. Early in my trips there, they were parentless; later they were reunited with parents, but El Ayudante helped fill in the gaps of homelife.

We were introduced to the children one afternoon and it was explained to us how important it was to have sponsors who could help fund this organization (founded in TN and run by a volunteer board). You could give whatever you were able to; every little bit helped.

The first child I sponsored was a deaf little boy named Jesus. One afternoon we were able to take the sponsored children out shopping for clothing they needed as well as a toy and ice cream at the end. You should have seen me trying to explain in hand signals that the clothing had to come first, then he could choose a toy. Jesus was lucky that an American family wanted to adopt him, so next I was "given" Erick.

What a delight! I think it was 2015 when we first met. I was able to come to Nicaragua on a mission trip once a year and got to see him grow up. It's been several years (between the pandemic and I got old) since I've been there in person, but it's a delight and joy once a quarter to be able to chat with him on Skype. I know the staff who have been there since I started coming and they are so great at helping keep conversation going and to translate when I need it. It's also a fun time for me to get to practice a bit of my Spanish and to encourage Erick to keep learning English.

Erick was about 7 or 8 when I first met him; now he's 15. We got to chat just last week, and he has turned into a sweet, shy teenager. But he has the most engaging smile and beautiful white teeth!



I am very grateful for the chance to give back a small bit of what God has so richly blessed me with. But the blessing is really mine. When I have a call scheduled, I excitedly wait all day until the time for the call—and then I smile to myself the rest of the day remembering our conversation. It has been such a joy watching Erick grow up and knowing that I can make a bit of a difference in his life."

Three Success Stories: College Bound



We are so proud of our three girls who have been accepted to college!!

Stephanie (left) has been admitted to college to study Engineering.

Yassuri (middle) has been accepted to the veterinarian program.

Alexandra (right) will also be attending veterinarian school.

Meet

OUR NEW KIDS



Joel

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"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."



Ashley

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"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."



Leam

SPONSOR ME

"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!"

OUR NEW KIDS AT THE HCN



Joel



Ashley



Leam







Community Impact





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 ‘23. 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!



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A WORD FROM THE BOARD

On behalf of the board, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors for your support. Our sponsors and mission teams fuel our mission, making a significant impact on our children, their families, and the community. We are truly thankful for your continued partnership in creating positive change through EA!

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We want your feedback! Email us at anna@eanicaragua.com to let us know what you want to see in our next newsletter.

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