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ElAyudante
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WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your incredible support,! It has allowed us to host 137 missionaries this year, build new homes for Carlos and Javier, and achieve significant updates at the HCN playground. Your generosity continues to make a profound impact, and we're excited to share these blessings and more with you. As we dive into this quarter's updates, we invite you to see how your partnership is making a difference, one child, one family, one community at a time.
With gratitude!







TEAMS UPDATE

WE HAVE HOSTED 137 MISSIONARIES THIS YEAR WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF OVER 33% VS LAST YEAR. THEIR IMPACT HAS BEEN AMAZING!



	TOTAL
BLESSING FOOD BAGS	345
HYGIENE KITS	185
WATER FILTERS	100
HOUSES	4
FRUIT TREES & FERTILIZER	1176
SNACKS	750
CHICKENS & FEED	1650
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	9
PATIENTS SEEN	447







Building Homes

WE ARE SO EXCITED THAT TEAMS BUILT HOUSES FOR 2 OF OUR KIDS, CARLOS WHO WAS LIVING IN AN UNSAFE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND JAVIER AND HIS MOM WHO WERE LIVING IN VERY POOR CONDITIONS. THIS WAS A HUGE BLESSING - SEE THE SMILES ON THEIR FACES!









Book Your Trip Today!

MAKE AN IMPACT

It's not too early to start planning your mission trip for 2025! Keep in mind that June & July are our busiest months. If you have questions, reach out to info@eanicaragua.com. We look forward to seeing you on our campus in 2025! **Book NOW** to get your preferred dates as we already have 11 teams scheduled.

Click here to book your mission trip

HCN UPDATE

BECAUSE OF **YOU**, OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS THE FUNDRAISING GOAL WAS MET, AND THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE RECEIVING A MAJOR UPDATE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE SMILES ON THE KIDS FACES WHEN THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE. WE WILL ALSO BE INSTALLING AIR CONDITIONING IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM FOR THE HCN AND TEAMS. BECAUSE OF THIS, YOU WILL BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE WHEN YOU DO ACTIVITIES WITH THE CHILDREN AT THE HCN.







HCN UPDATE

THERE WILL BE 5 GRADUATIONS IN DECEMBER! WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF OUR KIDS! IN DECEMBER, WE WILL POST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE SO YOU CAN CONGRATULATE THEM.





CRISTEL & DAVID WILL GRADUATE AND BEGIN HIGH SCHOOL



ANDREA WILL GRADUATE WITH A TEACHING DEGREE. SHE WILL BE OUR 4TH COLLEGE GRADUATE.





YESPRIN & VALESKA WILL BE APPLYING TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY. THEY WILL MAKE 15 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, AND ALL ARE FIRST GENERATION! WITH GOD'S BLESSING, AND THEIR HARD WORK THEY ARE SUCCEEDING.

HCN UPDATE

WE ADDED 4 NEW KIDS IN JANUARY 2024, AND THEY ARE DOING GREAT. WITH TEAMS, **WE HAVE ADDED SEVERAL NEW SPONSORS, BUT WE STILL NEED MORE!** DESPITE NOT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN BEING FULLING SPONSORED, WE ARE FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL, AND WILL ADD 4 NEW KIDS IN JANUARY 2025. WE TRUST THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET OUR CHILDREN FULLY SPONSORED SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW OUR HCN FAMILY.

SPONSOR ME



YESPRIN IS 19 YEARS OLD AND WANTS TO STUDY AGRICULTURE TO BECOME A FARMER. HIS PERSONAL SUCCESS WOULD BE OWNING HIS OWN RANCH ONE DAY. HE LIKES ENGLISH AND PLANS TO ATTEND SATURDAY CLASSES AT SCHOOL TO LEARN ENGLISH. HIS FAVORITE PART ABOUT EA IS RELAXING AROUND CAMPUS. HE WOULD DESCRIBE HIMSELF AS HAPPY. HE LOVES PIZZA AND JOLLY RANCHERS. YESPRIN IS A TALENTED ARTIST WHO LOVES TO DRAW. HE WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT HE IS FRIENDLY AND LOVES TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EVERYONE.

SPONSOR ME



JOEL IS 10 YEARS OLD. WHEN HE GROWS UP HE WANTS TO HELP PEOPLE BY BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER. HE LOVES TO JOKE AROUND, BUT HE WANTS PEOPLE TO KNOW HE IS SMART. HE ALSO WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT HE LOVES TO INTERACT WITH PEOPLE AND GETS EXCITED WHEN PEOPLE WANT TO PLAY SPORTS WITH HIM. HIS FAVORITE PART ABOUT EA IS PLAYING SOCCER ON "THIS BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS." HE THINKS HIS HAIR IS SOMETHING THAT IS UNIQUE AND SPECIAL ABOUT HIM.

SPONSOR ME



FRANCELA IS 13 YEARS OLD.. SOMETIMES SHE GOES BY HER FIRST NAME JANNIA. HER SISTER ANGIE IS ALSO IN TH HCN PROGRAM. SHE HAS MANY DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND IS DECIDING BETWEEN BECOMING A LAWYER, VET, OR MANAGER. IF SHE HAD TO DESCRIBE HERSELF IN ONE WORD IT WOULD BE "FUN". SHE LOVES MAKING MEMORIES WITH HER EA FRIENDS. SHE IS PROUD OF HER SMILE AND BELIEVES THAT MAKES HER STAND OUT IN A CROWD. SHE WANTS OTHERS TO KNOW SHE IS CONFIDENT AND BELIEVES IN HERSELF.

SPONSOR ME



CELESTE WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 20, 2001. SHE LIVES WITH HER MOTHER AND BROTHERS. SHE LOVES TO SING AND DANCE. HER FAVORITE COLOR IS GREEN AND HER FAVORITE FOOD IS FRIED CHICKEN. SHE LOVES DOGS AND HER FAVORITE HOBBY IS WATCHING BASEBALL AND SOCCER. SHE HAS GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL AND IS CURRENTLY STUDYING LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEON. SHE WILL GRADUATE IN 2025



DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL NIGHT OF PRAYER OCTOBER 29.
THERE WILL BE UPDATES FROM THE LOCAL TEAM, AND YOU WILL ALSO HEAR FROM THE CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS AND A COMMUNITY MEMBER. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US TO SEE THE IMPACT THAT YOU ARE HELPING MAKE POSSIBLE. GOD IS DOING AMAZING THINGS AT EL AYUDANTE! COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF PRAYER & WORSHIP ON OCTOER 29. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!

A little bit about our 4 new children that start in Jan 2025:

- ALEXA IS 4 YEARS OLD AND IS IN PRESCHOOL. SHE LIVES WITH HER MOTHER WHO IS DISABLED.
- JULISSA IS 10 YEARS OLD AND IS IN THE 3RD GRADE. SHE LIVES WITH HER GRANDMOTHER WHO IS ILLITERATE.
- LIAN IS 8 YEARS OLD AND IS IN THE 3RD GRADE. HE LIVES WITH HIS MOTHER AND FATHER, BUT THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS ARE VERY DIFFICULT.
- JOSÉ GABRIEL IS 7 YEARS OLD AND IS IN THE 1ST GRADE. HE LIVES ALONE WITH HIS FATHER WHO IS ELDERLY.



Alexa Nicolle Osejo Mendoza
Birthday: December 10th
Age: 4



Julissa Nazareth Picado
Birthday: September 27th
Age: 10



Lian Josué Castro Guido
Birthday: February 26th
Age: 8



José Gabriel Chavarría
Birthday: August 13th
Age: 7

Teacher Update



PROFE GLORIA HAS RECENTLY RETIRED. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HER SERVICE TO THE MINISTRY AND WISH HER THE BEST IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HER LIFE. PROFE GLORIA ESPINOZA NIÑO LEFT A LEGACY AT THE HCN OF LOVE & PATIENCE WITH CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE. HER PASSION FOR TEACHING MATH WAS TIRELESS, & HER ENERGY TO WORK NEVER STOPPED. WE ADMIRE HER ENTHUSIASM & PASSION FOR TEACHING. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR PROFE GLORIA FOR THE TIME SHE WORKED AT EL AYUDANTE. SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT ROLE MODEL. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE. WE PRAY FOR HER HEALTH AND GOD'S BLESSING.

KEYLIN IS A NEW TEACHER AT THE HCN. SHE BEGAN WORKING IN APRIL THIS YEAR. SHE PRIMARILY TEACHES MATH, BUT ALSO HELPS THE KIDS IN RESEARCH AND OTHER AREAS. SHE IS GRATEFUL TO START HER TEACHING CAREER HERE SINCE SHE ENJOYS WORKING WITH ADOLESCENT KIDS. KEYLIN IS FROM A RURAL TOWN FARTHER OUT FROM LEÓN. SHE LIVES WITH ROOMMATES AND VISITS HER FAMILY 3 TIMES A YEAR. SHE HAS 5 SIBLINGS. IN HER FREE TIME SHE LOVES TO LISTEN TO MUSIC AND WALK IN NATURE. HER FAVORITE MEMORY SO FAR IS THE HAPPY CALL FROM EA SAYING SHE GOT THE JOB HERE!





EYNER RECENTLY STARTED WORKING AS AN ENGLISH TEACHER AND CHILD SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR AT THE HCN IN MAY. HE FIRST BEGAN WORKING AT EA IN 2017 AS A CONTRACTED TRANSLATOR, AND LATER IN 2023, HE WORKED AS THE TEAM COORDINATOR. HE SEES A BIG PART OF HIS ROLE AS BEING A SPIRITUAL GUIDE TO THE KIDS, WHICH HE BELIEVES IS MOST VITAL. HE FEELS THAT IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO WORK AT EL AYUDANTE WHERE EVERYTHING IS DONE FOR GOD, SERVING HIM INSTEAD OF MAN. EYNER LIVES WITH HIS WIFE, SON, AND FATHER-IN-LAW. HE REGULARLY VISITS HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER. IN HIS FREE TIME, HE FOCUSES ON HIS FAMILY AND SERVES A MEN'S GROUP IN HIS CHURCH. HIS FAVORITE MEMORY FROM EA COMES FROM THINKING BACK TO WHEN HE WORKED AS A TRANSLATOR; HE WAS NOT A CHRISTIAN THEN, BUT HE CAN NOW SEE THAT THE LORD USED HIM AS AN INSTRUMENT OF BLESSING TO TRANSLATE THE GOSPEL WHEN HE DID NOT YET BELIEVE IT.



A Word From Our Interns

AS I REFLECT ON MY TIME AT EA AS A WHOLE, THE WORD THAT COMES TO MIND MOST PROMINENTLY IS GRATEFUL. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND WORK AT A MINISTRY THAT EMBODIES THE KINGDOM. GRATEFUL FOR STAFF THAT CARED FOR ME SO SWEETLY, AND GRATEFUL FOR THE WAYS OUR SPONSORED KIDS ARE EXPOSED TO THE LOVE OF CHRIST. PRAISE GOD FOR HOW HE IS WORKING THROUGH EL AYUDANTE!

DURING MY INTERNSHIP, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD. IF HE WANTS TO DO SOMETHING, HE WILL DO IT, AS I LEARNED IN EL AYUDANTE'S TESTIMONY. IN MANY WAYS, I DID NOT FEEL QUALIFIED FOR SOME OF THE WORKSHOPS I WAS DOING AT THE HCN. HOWEVER, OUR GOD CAN WORK THROUGH OUR WEAKNESSES, AND MY WEAKNESSES EVEN MADE ME RELY ON HIM MORE. I ALSO HAD TO BATTLE THE FEELING OF DOING "ENOUGH." BECAUSE MY PROJECTS WERE MORE RELATIONALLY GEARED, I COULDN'T ALWAYS CROSS OFF MY IMPROVEMENT ON A LIST, WHICH MADE ME FEEL UNPRODUCTIVE AT TIMES. THIS I LEARNED TO SURRENDER TO THE LORD AND ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTED MY TIME AT EA TO LOOK LIKE. IT WAS A LOT OF ALIGNING MY PLANS AND POSTURE WITH HIS AND TRUSTING THAT HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIS CHILDREN. AS AN INTERN, YOU HAVE FREEDOM TO SUGGEST NEW IDEAS AND PROJECTS, BUT THERE'S ALSO ONLY SO MUCH YOU CAN DO. WORKING WITH THE LOCAL TEAM AND THE NICARAGUA GOVERNMENT IS CRUCIAL. I FEEL LIKE I PREDOMINANTLY LEARNED MORE ABOUT HOW TO WORK WITH OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN A MINISTRY SETTING. WORKING WITH OTHERS CAN SHOW ME HOW I CAN SIN SO EASILY. HARD RELATIONSHIPS ARE ALMOST INEVITABLE WHEN YOU ARE SPENDING 6 WEEKS SOMEWHERE. DISAGREEMENTS, CONFLICT, AND FRUSTRATION HAVE TO BE HANDLED WITH GENTLENESS AND CARE, AND WE MESS UP AT THAT. THE HARDEST DAYS OF MY INTERNSHIP WERE THOSE WHERE MY FELLOW INTERNS WERE EXHAUSTED, SOMETHING DIFFICULT CAME UP WITH A SHORT-TERM TEAM, OR THE HCN KIDS WERE SHORT ON RESPECT AND LISTENING. WHEN WE SEE THE NON-GLAMOROUS SIDE OF MINISTRY, IT IS DISCOURAGING, BUT IT IS NOT A SURPRISE TO GOD. HE KNOWS HE IS USING IMPERFECT PEOPLE TO DO HIS WORK. THANK GOODNESS OUR MISTAKES DO NOT HINDER HIM!

So, I write this reflection sitting in my house in Chattanooga, TN, days after I flew out of Managua. Though I am preparing to start a new chapter of life here, a huge part of my heart feels like it is still at El Ayudante. Thinking about returning gives me a wide range of emotions: joy, excitement, uncertainty, and a bit of sadness. I know I will be back soon, yet I also know that my return will be a different experience than my internship. I most likely will not get to stay for 6 weeks ever again. Therefore, I am led to gratefulness again. I will treasure my summer that I spent at EA, and I will be grateful for every time I get to return.