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JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

HOPE IN MOTION



Reunion with graduates of the program, staff, current children, their families, along with the board of directors

OUR STORIES: SPROUT HOPE, PLANT ROOTS, AND CULTIVATE KNOWLEDGE

MEET OUR 5 NEW KIDS WHO WILL BE JOINING THE EA FAMILY IN JANUARY OF 2026!!

Hi! My name is Samantha Isabel



I was born on June 4, 2016. I just finished third grade. My favorite color is pink, my favorite animal is the cat, and I love spaghetti with sauce and cheese. I really enjoy playing with my little sister, and I also like to play ball on the court. I usually go to the court with my sister, accompanied by my mom or dad. I live with my mom, dad, and sister at my maternal grandparents' house.

If you would like to help **Samanta Isabel's** dream come true, please click here, scan, or visit:
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Hi! My name is Dana Milagro



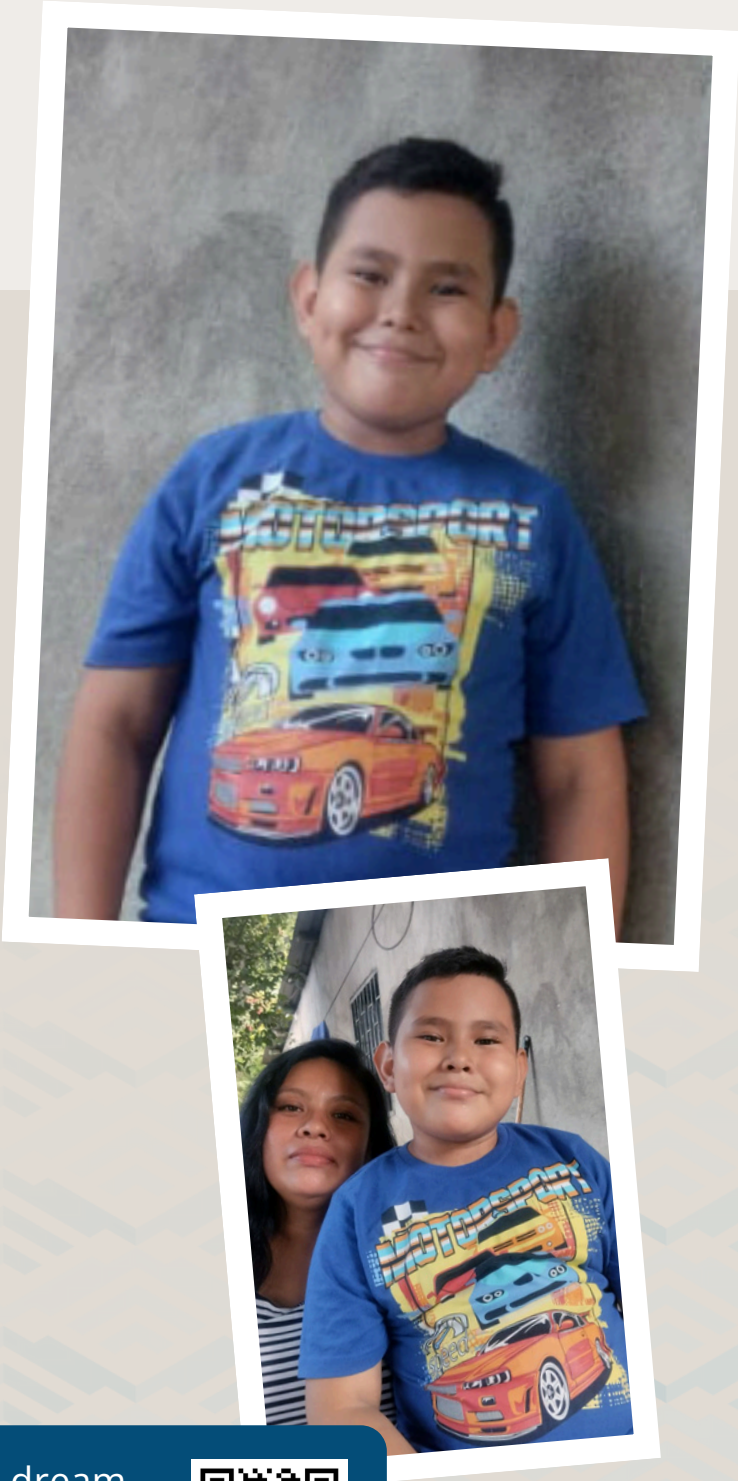
I was born on December 17, 2019. I just finished my third year of preschool. My favorite color is black, my favorite animal is the cat, and I love spaghetti with chicken. I enjoy playing with dolls with my little sister, Mariza. My mom, my dad, my little sister, and I live with my maternal grandmother at a friends house, my two aunts, and an uncle. My Aunt Jenifer takes care of me and my little sister when my parents go to work. When I grow up, I want to be a doctor.



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Hi! My name is Ángel Gabriel



I was born on April 14, 2016. I just finished third grade. My favorite color is white, my favorite animals are dogs and cats, and I love gallo pinto (rice and beans) with cheese. I enjoy spending time with my mom and talking to her. I also love playing with my pet dog, Oso. I live with my mom; my older sister has been living abroad for 7 years. I am an altar server at my church and this year I recently made my first communion. When I grow up, I want to be a priest.

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Hi! My name is Joshua Gael





I was born on October 8, 2017. I just finished first grade. My favorite color is blue, my favorite animal is the rabbit, and my favorite food is spaghetti with rice. I love playing soccer. I live with my maternal grandmother and her partner, whom I call Daddy, and with my amazing sister Julissa, who is already in the HCN program. When I grow up, I want to be a doctor.

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Hi! My name is Mary but people call me "Lupita"



I was born on December 11, 2017. I just finished second grade. I love to learn; my favorite subject is english. I live with my dad and my grandmother. I am a little sad because my mom moved away with my siblings and I am the only child in my house, but I am excited about coming to El Ayudante to play with kids my own age.

If you would like to help **Lupita's** dream come true, please click here, scan, or visit:
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CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS
WE ARE VERY PROUD - YOU HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!

Alondra & Anielka

High School





Angie

Primary School



Alexa

Preschool





Alexandra

Technical Degree

Grendy

Technical Degree



These students celebrated some incredible milestones. **Angie** will now begin her High School journey. The twins **Anielka & Alondra** have graduated high school and are preparing to take their college entrance exams. This makes 20 first-generation high school graduates, a life-changing accomplishment! **Grendy** earned her two-year college degree in Business Administration, and her sister **Alexandra**, completed her pharmacy certification. All these graduates pushed through challenges, stayed committed, and earned their diplomas. **None of this would have been possible without your faithful support** and the dedication of our incredible El Ayudante staff. Each story is a testimony of hard work and perseverance.

JOSEPH WALTERS' MISSIONARY TESTIMONY FROM NOVEMBER SPONSOR TEAM



Hello, my name is **Joseph Walters** and I'm 31 years old. I want to share something very special to me. God called me to serve for him at a place called El Ayudante. It is located in Leon Nicaragua and holds a special place in my heart. El Ayudante means The Helper. It is a Christian organization that serves local communities. Their motto is One child, One family, and One community. I have been involved in many projects with El Ayudante where I have been able to help lead VBS for local children and distribute Water Filter pots. The water filter pots are a way for them to have access to clean drinking water for up to 5 years. On my most recent trip I was able to help with a new feeding program for a local school where 35 dollars a day will feed 110 children! We blessed several families with 12 fruit trees of 6 different varieties. We were also able to provide baby chickens and feed to families. Baby chicks and fruit trees are part of El Ayudante's sustainability programs where the goal is to start a small business and provide food for their families.

When I think about El Ayudante, the first thing that comes to mind is family. Brothers and sisters in Christ, serving the God we love. El Ayudante isn't a place, it's a community. It's my home away from home.

My first trip was in 2013 with a group called Missionary Friends and I fell in love with the Nicaraguan people. Even though I struggle with Spanish, after several trips, I now feel like I can understand them!

El Ayudante has a program called the HCN meaning Hogar Christiano Nicaraguense or Nicaraguan Christian Home supports children ages 4 and up. The children are provided the supplies and uniforms needed for school, nutritious meals, tutoring, counseling, teaching them about God, and so much more. From the youngest to the oldest they are all so precious to me. They are one big happy family.

If you have a calling to serve in the mission field, I would love to talk to you about this family that God blessed me. I hope that he can bless you with this amazing experience as well. El Ayudante is ever growing and evolving, and I would love you to join our family.

One of my favorite verses Matthew 28:19-20 says *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

If you have felt a calling to serve on a mission team, I would encourage you to first pray. After prayer talk to your pastor, mentor, or someone that you know that is serving in the mission field.

I want to thank Mrs. Michelle Skipper for being a mentor to me and being my second mom (Nica Mom and US Mom). I Love You.

In loving memory of Rev. Bruce Skipper thank you for taking me under your wing and for giving me the knowledge and training on the water filter pots. Through his knowledge and training the Nicaraguan families will continue to be blessed with clean water for years to come.

FRIENDS FROM AFAR, UNITED IN MISSION

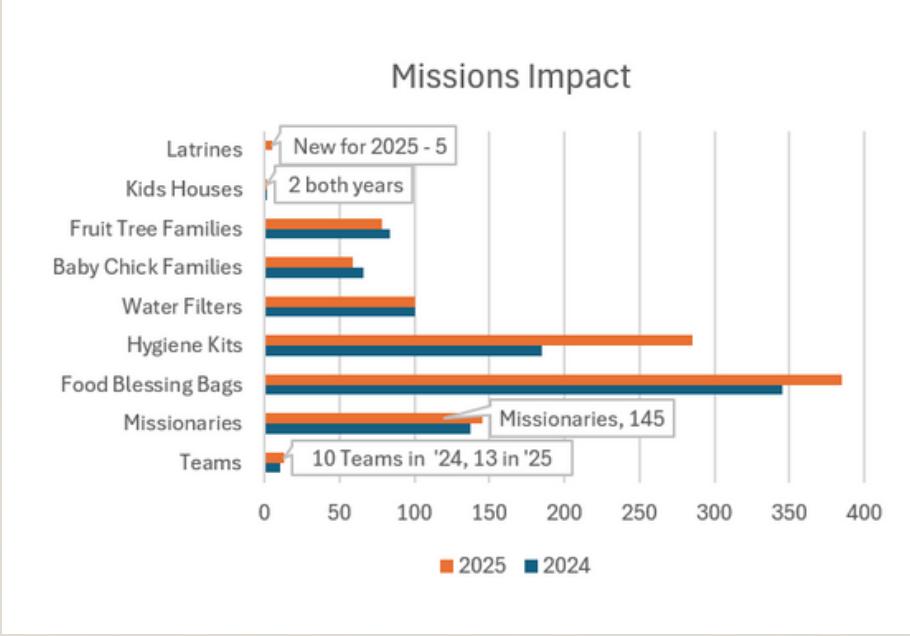


Teams are such a tremendous blessing—sharing God's love, offering hope to communities, and filling our campus with laughter, joy, and renewed energy.

Next year is already shaping up to be amazing: **15 teams and nearly 200 people have reserved their dates!** We're grateful for this momentum, yet we're still working toward our pre-COVID average of 500 missionaries per year.

The **first two weeks of June are already full**, but we still have availability throughout the rest of the summer.

Reserve your spot now to secure the dates that work best for your team.



CLICK HERE TO CHECK AVAILABILITY

MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

We're excited to welcome these wonderful new team members into the EA family. We already miss the staff who have stepped into a well-deserved retirement, but we are truly grateful for the incredible gifts and passion our new team brings.



Isaac - Accounting Assistant

Isaac has worked at EA for 1 year as an accounting assistant who is responsible for reporting all EA expenses. He loves the blessings that the kids receive since they are more vulnerable, living in difficult situations. He loves the support they get for their value as human beings because they are the future of our society. He is the oldest of his two siblings.



Meybol - HCN Teacher

Meybol has worked at EA for over 1 year as an HCN teacher. She loves interacting with the kids. She has a younger brother who is 12 years old.



Maryeni - HCN Housekeeping

Maryeni has worked at EA for over 1 year as the HCN housekeeper. She loves the devotionals led at EA, in her previous jobs she had never seen that. She has 5 siblings, she is oldest and the only one living with her mom. She has two kids.



José Benito - EA Gardener

Jose Benito has worked at EA for over 1 year as a gardener. He loves the work he does, especially because it is a permanent job. He has two children, the oldest is 15 years old and the youngest is 8.



Oscar - EA Gardener

Oscar has worked at EA for 1 year as a gardener. First of all he loves this job because it is a permanent job and becacue it is a ministry that works for God. He is a Christian man and he loves serving God. His wife is 44 years old and they have 2 daughters, the oldest is 28 and the youngest is 18 years old. They also have a grandson who is 5 years old and lives with them.

WE HOPE YOU'LL VISIT US WITH A MISSION TEAM SOON SO YOU CAN MEET THEM IN PERSON!

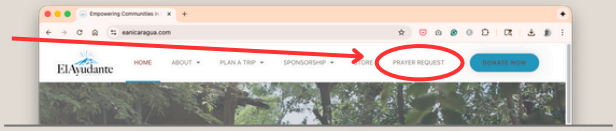
21 DAYS OF PRAYER UPDATE



21 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR EL AYUDANTE

ICYMI: You can still watch the **Livestream Kickoff to our 21 Days of Prayer** on the EA Nicaragua YouTube channel! You'll hear our kids pray and read scripture, receive an encouraging update from Vanessa, and listen to heartfelt messages from Franklin and Eyner. It was a beautiful evening—and praying together for 21 days was truly powerful. We pray it drew you closer to God.

But why stop now? We're inviting everyone to continue lifting up El Ayudante in prayer. You can share your own prayer requests anytime by clicking here: **Prayer Request**, selecting the Prayer Request button on our the website banner or the Prayer Request link in Quick Links.



There's also a prayer box on campus for the kids, their families, and our staff.

You may be wondering where you fit in. The answer is simple:
We need people who feel called to pray—our Prayer Warriors.

If you're interested, email **prayer@eanicaragua.com** to sign up or get your questions answered. Prayer Warriors will receive an email about once a week.

We're excited to share that **15 people have already joined the Prayer Warrior team,** and we'd love to welcome even more. The more hearts united in prayer, the stronger we become.

DECK THE HALLS...IT'S LOOKING A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS AT THE HCN!









LOOKING BACK WITH GRATITUDE, LOOKING AHEAD WITH FAITH

2025 was an incredible year, and as we step into 2026, we are filled with excitement about what God has in store. **We know the best is yet to come!** Two initiatives in particular have us praising God and dreaming bigger than ever:

NOURISHING MINDS BY FEEDING BODIES



Our feeding program at Marañonal Primary School is continuing, and we are stepping out in faith by expanding to Rubén Darío School, where many of our students attend. This expansion will supplement the current program by providing more nutritious meals with higher-quality protein such as chicken, pork, peanut butter, and eggs, alongside the traditional rice and beans.



The impact has been powerful. Children come to school excited, focused, and ready to learn, no longer distracted by hunger. Teachers have already seen improvements in overall academic performance, and the variety of delicious meals has made school a place students truly want to be. Our prayer is to add even more students to this life-changing program in 2027.

If you would like to help feed a child and fuel their future, visit:
https://eanicaragua.com/maranonal-feeding-program/

BUILDING HOPE, ONE HOME AT A TIME





We are also thrilled to share that a summer mission team will be building Yesprin his very own home! Yesprin has been part of the El Ayudante program since he was just 10 years old and has faithfully worked toward his dreams. This year, he completed his first year of college, majoring in **Agricultural Engineering,** an incredible milestone.

Currently living with his grandmother, having a home of his own provides stability, dignity, and a strong foundation as he continues his education and prepares to serve his community. What a beautiful picture of God's faithfulness and the power of walking alongside a child over time.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THESE STORIES OF HOPE. YOUR PRAYERS, GENEROSITY, AND PARTNERSHIP ARE CHANGING LIVES—TODAY AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

El Ayudante NICARAGUA