

CONNECTICUT QUEST *for* PEACE

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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE,

Last year I, along with several other members of the Board of CT Quest for Peace, visited many of the projects that we support in Nicaragua. This visit, however, was very different from my first trip to the country. The country was no longer foreign to me because I recognized faces and locations, and I was more aware of the needs of the projects funded by CT Quest for Peace. It was gratifying to see the library at Barrio el Recreo full of children, books in hand, doing research for homework, and to hear about the continued success of the community banking program for single mothers. At Escuela Los Cocos, elementary children wrote a book that has been published and sold to raise funds for the much-needed school expansion. In fact, they are dreaming big and are already planning the construction of a high school because the cost to send teens to the nearest high school many miles away is prohibitive. I was pleasantly surprised to see the pharmacy at Reparto Schick with shelves of medicine ready to be distributed either free or at below cost price for low-income patients. The pharmacist assistant is a young girl finishing her university studies so she can begin her career as a pharmacist... all thanks to the financial aid of CT Quest for Peace. In a land full of needs, I saw hope and progress!

I have gained a deeper appreciation for everything done by our organization: from the hands of people writing checks to support us; the hands of the accountant doing the bookkeeping; the hands of women cooking delicious meals to serve at Fiesta Nicaragua; the hands of men and women sorting and packing boxes to be shipped twice a year; the hands of those in Nicaragua who receive our donations that they use to provide meals in the schools, creating happy and healthy children who are eager to learn - thus breaking the cycle of poverty. **THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD IN ACTION!** No matter how somber the political situation, what I see is hope and endless possibilities!

Thank you for making all this possible. The little children we feed and educate today are the future nurses, teachers, and engineers who will change the fate of our beloved Nicaragua.

With Gratitude
This Thanksgiving,



Gloria Maria Montoya-Greenfield



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