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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN OF NICARAGUA,

It is no news to you that with **your funds** Quest for Peace is able to improve people's lives in Nicaragua. Our efforts are mostly focused on these two goals: **first** to provide daily school lunches as the incentive for children to attend school and **second** to lift people out of poverty by providing opportunities for education.

In fighting hunger I personally can identify with those children, having experienced hunger as a child growing up in World War II Germany. After the total collapse in 1945, we would have hardly survived the years of famine without the generous help from the American Quakers. Never will I forget the daily portions ladled into my lunch container, the original you can see in the picture.

In striving to reach our second goal, I can report to you on the continued success of our scholarship program. With the start of the 2015 school year, you are funding six High School and eleven University students. In their enthusiasm of having a chance and their dedication to the hard work required, they ultimately have taken ownership of their futures.

Currently our university students are immersed in the fields of nursing, clinical bio-analysis, computer sciences, civil engineering, agriculture, accounting and tourism. There is Yader Olivas, who is combining a Civil Engineering degree with a Computer Science degree always driven to succeed as a result of feeling supported by people he has never met. Another student will graduate this year with a degree in Systems Engineering, and he has the unique chance to be hired by his university to teach in the subject matter he is graduating in.

Then there is good reason to report on this handful of graduates **you have sponsored in the past**. Brenda, our very first university graduate, has worked consistently since she left the program with an accounting degree. Eueyda, with a degree in nursing, is working in a private clinic. Another nursing graduate, Estela Castillo, is employed by the local hospital. Our most recent graduate, Ismara Rojas, found fulltime work in a pharmacy in Managua.

With this encouraging news I not only want to thank you for your unwavering investment in the future of Nicaragua's young, but I also feel called to ask you to consider to be part of our \$150 Club again. With those dollars one child can count on being fed and sent to school for an entire year. These are the children who will then have the chance to become the university scholarship students of the future.

In deep gratitude,



Ingrid Polonius with CT Quest for Peace.

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