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## DEAR FRIENDS OF CT QUEST FOR PEACE,

On behalf of all the beneficiaries of the projects in Nicaragua that have received your support, I have been given the opportunity to express our unending gratitude for all your support and ask that God will CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU. The immeasurable help from God and CT Quest for Peace has been invaluable. San Ignacio was born to give opportunities to those who do not have a future. Our school has grown a lot since its inception. We started with thirty children and today have a population of more than three hundred. All of this has been possible because with the help of God as we walked hand in hand with you. At this point in time our country is experiencing difficulties, but we hope that with your help and solidarity that we will be able to continue on our path of educating those who might not otherwise receive an education.

Con cariño,

Marling Lainez  
(Retired principal of the  
San Ignacio School in Somotillo)  
[translated by Maureen Shanley]



Last March five CT Quest board members visited our projects to review their successes and needs. As always we were greeted with love and appreciation for our support. One month later political unrest took over the country. Nevertheless, I find it remarkable that so many of the students who normally attended our schools were still attending classes. In reality this probably happened because we feed our students a nutritious lunch... perhaps their only meal of the day.

So at this time of the year when we are thankful for all the blessings **that God has bestowed on us**, I want to thank YOU for your continued support of CT Quest for Peace. Mother Teresa said, "Together we can do great things." **She also said, "Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person."** I believe that together we are making positive changes in the lives of children in Nicaragua. While we will not have the opportunity to meet THE people we are helping, I do know that our assistance is making ripples of positive change. Some of our scholarship students who are now attending university have told us how the education they have received has not only changed their lives, but the lives of their families and their communities. So we THANK YOU for helping us send out positive ripples in Nicaragua.

Con paz y amor,

Maureen Shanley  
Vice President... CT Quest for Peace



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