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Even though the economic situation in Nicaragua is dire, our meager offerings are still giving hope to the poorest communities served by the Teresian nuns. Last year we sent \$34,000 to Barrio Schick in Managua to assist over 12,300 patients who went to the Enrique de Ossó Dispensary where patients were able to receive quality medical services, medications, and dental care.

Near polluted Lake Nicaragua, is Los Cocos where a thunderstorm can destroy their homes and contaminate their drinking water. The Santa Teresa de Jesús Los Cocos Center is an oasis of hope because it serves 300+ children a lunch, often their best meal of the day. Last year community projects improved: a pump for drinking water; an aging electrical system; the computer lab; and better internet.

Nearly 1,000 students attend the Colegio Sagrado Corazón in Granada including 16 girls from an orphanage that was told to close. A grant to repair computers required better internet access funded

by CT Quest. Add supplementing an English teacher's salary... this equals lifetime skills that can change lives and make for a better life!!!



Education is a key to success, but for those without funding it is a dream. University costs \$75 - \$150 monthly, but this is impossible when a monthly salary is about \$263. We have 26 university level students who receive stipends. Happily, many return home to use their degrees to improve the lives of their communities.

Even though life in Nicaragua is difficult, the resilience and fortitude that I see in the Nicaraguans amazes me. In the Latin culture FAMILY always comes first, but they are always there ready to help others... even though you and I would say that they are in NEED. They believe that consistent hard work leads to success.

Please know that blessings are sent to you from these worthy, but humble people. Granted, we are not changing the world, but we are making a difference in the lives we can touch.

GRACIAS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR BEING ON THIS JOURNEY WITH US!

Con paz y amor,

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“I ALONE CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT I CAN CAST A STONE ACROSS THE WATERS TO CREATE MANY RIPPLES,”
says Mother Teresa.

