



October 1, 2016

Dear Friends,

If you ask most people their thoughts about the U.S. relationship with Latin America, there's a good chance they'll talk about the issues they see in the mainstream press -- taco trucks, the proposed wall on Mexico's border. But what about the failed peace process in Colombia? Why did Colombians vote down a peace accord for which their President won the Nobel Prize for Peace? And in Venezuela, how much do we know about the causes of such an enormous crisis?

For the past 25 years our community has worked hard to open dialogue about the root causes of poverty and violence in Nicaragua, and the rest of Latin America. Our community has come together to learn from each other and support local people fighting entrenched inequality – problems that just don't come out of nowhere. At PeaceWorks, we say why spend time talking about walls – building bridges is so much better.

Just in September we:

- held a dinner-forum with Frida Berrigan who shared personal insight on non-violent, direct action to end torture and close Guantanamo Bay.
- raised more than a third of the money needed for a community-based project to protect endangered sea turtles from becoming extinct, and provide income for local Nicaraguan families.
- worked side by side with 28 Seton Hall students who helped us prep for our 70<sup>th</sup> humanitarian aid shipment on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- saw the first photos of the brand new truck? that the Inhijambia Street Kid program bought with \$25,000 that you helped us raise in the spring.
- Received a \$20,000 donation from the Emmaus Community to build houses for two young women who have successfully completed Inhijambia's 3 phase program, and \$500 for the turtle project.

Stay tuned because this fall we'll offer new ways to connect and learn with our community and the people of Latin America.

### **70<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Aid Shipment October 15<sup>th</sup> in Plainfield, NJ**

We need your muscle, money and material aid. Come work side by side with 50 or 60 others as we pack the 45' foot shipping container full of items requested by our partners. If you can't make it, please

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consider helping us to offset the \$10,000 it takes to ship tens of thousands of dollars in medical equipment, school supplies, furniture, sporting goods, etc. to Nicaragua.

**Latin America Foreign Policy Dinner-Forum on November 12<sup>th</sup>, Chatham-Summit Friends Meeting**

Wrap up election week in the U.S. (election Nov 8th) and Nicaragua (election Nov 6th) with solidarity, good food and dialogue. We'll explore the new phase in Latin American policy from both U.S. and Nicaraguan perspectives.

**\$2000 Needed to Completely Fund the Palo de Oro Sea Turtle Project**

We've raised a third of the money to fully fund the night patrols needed to protect endangered sea turtles and their eggs from August through March. Please read the included profile of sea turtle conservationist Petrona Membreño who grew up hunting sea turtles and protecting their eggs. We need about \$2000 to finish the campaign – can you help?

**\$8000 New Farm Project for the Inhijambia Street Kid Program**

Financial sustainability is always a challenge for small to medium size non-profit organizations. That's why we are excited that Inhijambia is finding new ways to fund their core programming. A major donor in Europe has already helped them buy a large tract of land on the outskirts of Managua. The next step is to raise money to start an industrial-scale fruit and vegetable farm whose profits will help sustain Inhijambia's work...while helping to feed the kids. Inhijambia Director Mirna Sánchez has asked us to raise \$8,000 for the farm's irrigation system and initial plant purchase. As you think ahead about your year-end giving, please keep in mind this gift that will keep giving to the most vulnerable Nicaraguan children.

Thank you for your continued support and solidarity with the people of Nicaragua and Latin America -- for your willingness to focus on building bridges-- people-to-people, *pueblo a pueblo*.

In peace,  
Denis, Diane and the entire PeaceWorks Board

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I'd like to contribute to the Campaign to protect Sea Turtles: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Here's a donation to help the Inhijambia Street Kid Program's farm project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to contribute to the general Peaceworks Fund for aid shipments, partner support, etc.

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_, \$100 \_\_\_\_\_, \$150 \_\_\_\_\_, Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the PeaceWorks email list for meeting reminders and events announcements.

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# \$1000 raised...\$2000 to go!

## HELP THE PALO DE ORO SEA TURTLE SANCTUARY PATROL BEACHES



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While the world's oceans are in crisis, nearly all of the seven major species of sea turtles are endangered, some approaching extinction. Without fast intervention, there is no guarantee that these magnificent creatures can survive.

That's why PeaceWorks is asking for your help – the nesting season has just begun in Nicaragua and our partners at the Juan Venado Island Sea Turtle Sanctuary need our attention now. The Sanctuary educates communities, hires local people to patrol beaches at night and buys back eggs from those who find them. That's why we've started an online campaign at [generosity.com](http://generosity.com) to raise \$3000.

Help us spread the word by email and social media. Visit [PeaceWorks.org](http://PeaceWorks.org) to get the link, share the campaign and donate.

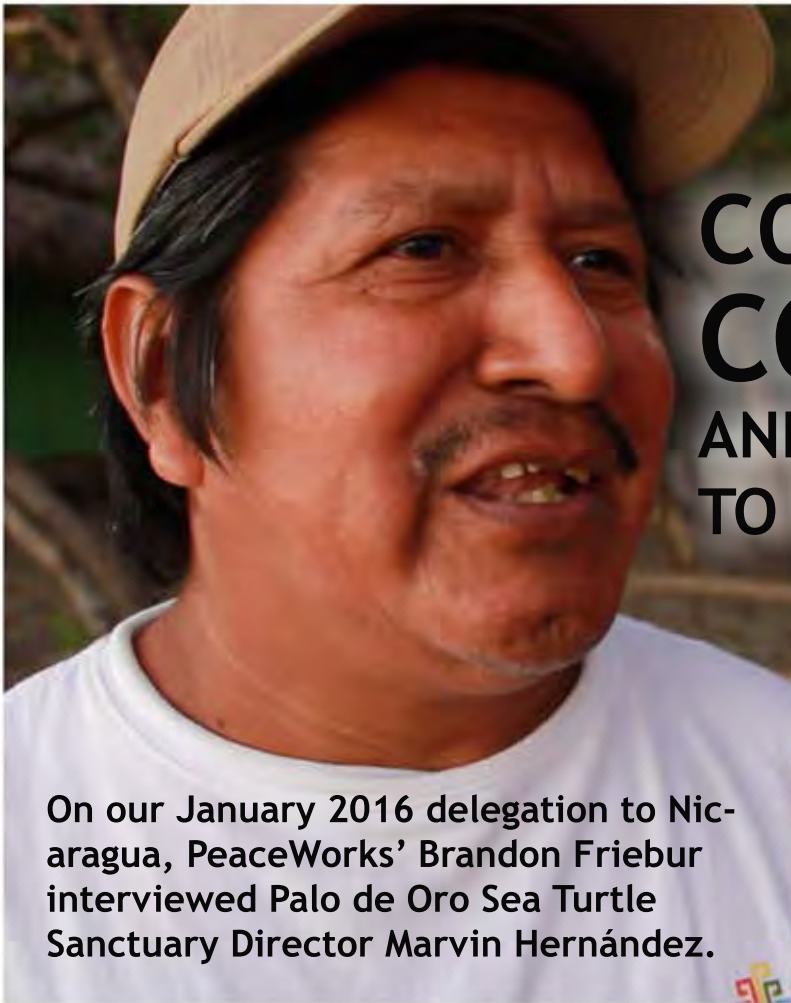


Each one of these burlap bags is a nest of about 100 sea turtle eggs at the Palo de Oro Sanctuary.

Since August, the Palo de Oro team has rescued 31 nests representing 2378 sea turtle eggs. About 10 nests of hatched baby turtles have been released back to the sea.

Help us reach our \$3000 campaign goal at [peaceworks.org](http://peaceworks.org)





# CONSERVATION, COMMUNITY AND THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO PROTECT SEA TURTLES

On our January 2016 delegation to Nicaragua, PeaceWorks' Brandon Frieber interviewed Palo de Oro Sea Turtle Sanctuary Director Marvin Hernández.



"We, the community of Las Peñitas [near Nicaragua's Juan Venado Island] have made a commitment to conserve and care for the endangered species of sea turtles that come here. Marine Turtles need our utmost care and our goal is to protect and conserve more eggs and release more baby turtles so that within the next 10 years we have many more eggs than we have now.

Everybody in the community is aware of the importance of protecting this species because as project coordinators we've established agreements with the community. So people in the community hike the beaches, collect eggs, bring them to the nursery and then we incubate them until we can release them back to the sea. Our community-based work is a commitment to care for, grow and release more turtles back to the sea.

This season began on July 23, 2015 and will end in March 2016. So far, we planted 98 turtle nests, which means that 98 sea turtles have left on our beach. We have incubated 7496 Olive Ridley turtle eggs and have liberated 2946 babies back to the sea. These results and all the effort we have made up to now have been made possible with the logistical and financial support of PeaceWorks.

*"The four species of turtles that come to the Juan Venado Island, like Olive Ridelys, Hawksbill and others, are all are in danger of extinction."  
-Marvin Hernández*

This encourages us to work with greater dedication and effort because we know that we are reaching our goals because we've been able to document our accomplishments with you by our side. Thank you very much."



# ¡Muchísimas Gracias!

**THE INHIJAMBIA PROGRAM FOR STREET  
KIDS BUYS A NEW VEHICLE WITH MONEY  
RAISED BY PEACEWORKS**

Working with children and families living in deplorable conditions on the streets of Managua is challenging and often emotionally draining work. Our community has made it easier for Inhijambia street educators to access the children and provide transportation. What a difference it will make when that call comes from a child or a teenage girl in distress -- they can be picked up in a vehicle that immediately communicates that they will be safe, that there is hope.



**THANK YOU TO  
ALL WHO  
HELPED MAKE  
THIS PURCHASE  
POSSIBLE!**



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# ROCK ON! PEACEWORKS

# 70th

## MATERIAL AID SHIPMENT TO NICARAGUA

**VOLUNTEERS AND  
DONATIONS NEEDED!**

**Our partners have requested:**

- \*medical equipment (no medicine, please)
- \*sporting equipment
- \*gently used or new clothes
- \*bed linens and blankets
- \*fully functioning electronics & computers
- \*television sets, DVD & VHS players
- \*tools & garden supplies
- \*notebooks, pencils...school supplies
- \*kitchenware, pots and pans & luggage
- \*bicycles are in huge demand
- \*sewing machines
- \*bedroom sets and furniture



Normally, we wouldn't invite Pirates to pack a shipping container with tens of thousands of dollars in material aid...but we're proud that Seton Hall Pirates came out to help us pack on October 1st. Thanks you!

## Saturday October 15th, 2016

10am-4pm, lunch served!

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