February 7, 2017

Dear friends,

Just two weeks ago, ten of us were headed down a rather unremarkable dirt road on the outskirts of Mateare, about 45 minutes outside of Managua. No colorful markets or cafés. No restaurants or handmade crafts. But out there we saw something begin to blossom - construction blocks and rebar laid out in neat rows. For those of us on the PeaceWorks delegation, the foundations of these two new structures were as beautiful as the towering volcanos and black sand beaches we had visited earlier in the trip. That's because we knew that in a few short weeks, young women who once lived on the streets of Managua, would have a place to call home, thanks to our partner organization, Inhijambia.

The projects of Inhijambia’s Program for Street Kids were just one piece of the inspiring and innovative programming we witnessed when we visited our Nicaraguan partners last month. Soon Inhijambia's Mélida and Estela will have their own homes thanks to a donation from the Emmaus Community of Christian Hope in Maplewood, NJ. If the PeaceWorks community can raise another $6200, Inhijambia will build a third home for Ingrid and her family right next door.

Soon we'll send you a full delegation report, including how we distributed nearly $50,000 in cash grants to our partners. But briefly, here's what we also learned: FEDICAMP has set out on new reforestation and organic farming projects and continues to need our support. The El Porvenir coffee coop needs help to fix one of the ancient tractors critical for getting their product to market. Axayacatl still needs financial support to be able to complete their new center for women fleeing domestic violence.

How else can you stay connected with PeaceWorks as we head into our 25th year celebration?

March 11th Dinner Forum: 2017 Delegation to Nicaragua You can hear the delegation’s stories for yourself at our next dinner forum. Over this next year we'll also continue to introduce you to people and projects, like the small house Inhijambia hopes to build for Ingrid, who got off the streets with their help.

Relaxation, Recreation and Resistance: PeaceWorks Summer Camp at World Fellowship Center in New Hampshire (August 17th-21st) Have the past few weeks got you down? Would you like to join a retreat with friends who will stand with you in resisting injustice and reaching out to marginalized communities?

From August 17th-21st friends and families from the PeaceWorks community will converge at the World Fellowship Center at the foot of New Hampshire's White Mountains. In addition to gentle hikes, swimming, canoeing and incredible food, the PeaceWorks Summer Camp will offer programmed events to nourish your mind, spirit and body. We've included a flyer with more details. If you sign up by March 15th, you get a 10% discount – just mention PeaceWorks.

April 8th Dinner Forum: María Eugenia Delgadillo and the Axayacatl Women’s Association In April we will be joined by Coordinating Team Member Maria Eugenia Delgadillo, who will speak about the hopes and
dreams of Nicaraguan women. Her program advocates for women fleeing violence at home -- providing protection, economic development opportunities and love for women whose lives have been upended by domestic violence. You'll also see the progress of the new Axayacatl Center that is being built with donations from the PeaceWorks community. Would you like to sponsor a speaking engagement with Maria Eugenia at your church or community group?

2016 Financial Report and 2017 Projections We're off to a great start in our 25th anniversary year and the details are in the numbers. Included in this newsletter is our 2016 Financial and Program Report which includes our projections and hopes for 2017. In short, our community and organization are strong and sound. In fact, last year our community raised nearly $200,000, excluding the tens of thousands of dollars of material aid donated for our shipments! Please take a close look at the enclosed 2016 Financial and Program Report. We think you'll be as excited and hopeful for 2017 as we are.

Changes to the PeaceWorks Board In December our good friend and long-time PeaceWorks collaborator Newly Preziosi stepped down from the board and as Chair of our Events Committee. All of that great food at the dinner forums. That was Newly. The purchasing and sale of Nicaraguan crafts and coffee. That was Newly too. Oh, the fabulous BBQ during our solidarity roasts, that was Newly's husband Don. So that's Newly too. While we will miss their talents for pulling off complicated events, we look forward to sitting down with them at our events. We are forever grateful to you both, Newly and Don. Thank you!

We are proud to announce that long-time PeaceWorks collaborator Susan Steiner has joined the PeaceWorks board. For more than two decades Susan has been an integral part of PeaceWorks, helping us raise money, coming out to nearly all of the shipments and rarely missing an event. With Susan on board, the work of our Board won't miss a beat.

We know that over the past few weeks there has been a lot coming at us – and coming at us fast. Our most basic values are being challenged in ways we did not expect. Yet we feel blessed and inspired by the work of our partners in Nicaragua and feel enormous solidarity with everyone in our community. We know that working with you over the next year will give us energy and strength to launch PeaceWorks into another quarter century of building peace with the people of Nicaragua and here at home.

In Peace,
Denis, Diane and the entire PeaceWorks Board

I'd like to make a donation to help Inhijambia build the third house for Ingrid and her family: $ _______

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

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

Name: __________________________ Email: _____________________________________

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For 25 years now, PeaceWorks has traveled to Nicaragua to visit communities struggling to survive. We go beyond the brilliant colors of city markets to visit children living in deplorable conditions. We travel past mangrove forests to see, firsthand, environmental activism in action. We go every year to renew friendships and extend solidarity to those working on some of Nicaragua’s most difficult challenges.

We invite you to hear the stories from members of our January 2017 delegation to Nicaragua. See the places we visited and find out about how $46,000 in cash grants we delivered are visibly making a difference in the lives of so many Nicaraguans.

Saturday March 11th, 2017
Dinner at 6:30. Program at 7:30pm.
Summit-Chatham Friends Meeting, 158 Southern Blvd, Chatham, NJ.
$10 adults. Kids free.

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In 2016, PeaceWorks was able to provide unprecedented support to our Nicaragua partners, helping them to continue their vital support for street children, women seeking an end to domestic violence and poor communities in Nicaragua. Three years after his passing, the legacy of Jim Burchell lives on! Through the generosity of our supporters, we were able to provide almost $124,000 in monetary support to our partners in Nicaragua, as well as two container shipments of material aid worth at least $80,000. As shown on the table at the right, our income was $198,000 (excluding material donations and donations for other groups), up from $163,000 in 2015 and $125,000 in 2014. Many of these donations were made to support specific projects of our partners, discussed below. Thanks to all who contributed to our efforts!

Our 2017 budget plans for support at roughly the same level as 2016, except that the budget for special projects is similar to what we budgeted in 2016 (as opposed to spent) since we raise funds for special projects only as critical projects are identified by our partners, and this varies from year to year.

Expenses

Expenses in 2016 are shown on the reverse side. We sent a record $124,000 in monetary support to our partners in 2016 – about $41,000 during the January 2016 delegation and $83,000 during the year. Some of the things we were able to do included:

- Purchasing a $25,000 new truck for Inhijambia to replace their ancient, unreliable one
- Providing $23,800 to Inhijambia to build safe housing and $3,500 for education scholarships for their girls
- Funding irrigation systems and fuel efficient ovens for Fedicamp ($17,700)

\[\text{Money Income Sources} \quad \begin{array}{l|c|c}
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\text{Source} & \text{2016 Results} & \text{2017 Budget} \\
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\text{General Donations} & 52,122 & 52,000 \\
\text{Restricted Project Donations} & 110,416 & 72,000 \\
\text{Religious Orgs} & 4,310 & 10,000 \\
\text{Corporate and Foundations} & 1,200 & 2,000 \\
\text{Delegation Payments} & 11,170 & 12,000 \\
\text{Shipment Support} & 11,950 & 12,000 \\
\text{Event Door, Raffles} & 3,953 & 4,000 \\
\text{Sales} & 3,751 & 4,000 \\
\text{Total Income} & 198,371 & 168,000 \\
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* Excludes restricted donations from these sources
**Does not include material donations for shipments or $7,160 in pass-through donations for Grupo Cajola

In addition, we provided critical operational support to Inhijambia ($15,000), Fedicamp ($8,000), Los Pipitos ($6,200), Axacayatl.
($3,000) and the Palo de Oro turtle protection project ($2,700). We also provided funds for Axayacatl’s microcredit loan program, the Cusmapa Association’s social medicine project, home renovations for 4 members of Cusmapa’s Pine Weaving Cooperative and improved ovens and stoves provided by Palacaguina’s Roncalli Association to community members. Beyond this, we were able to send an additional $46,000 in funds with our 2017 delegation for even more projects and operational support.

This support will help continue the work of Inhijambia to take young children and teens out of abusive situations and lead them towards a wholesome life; improve agriculture and livelihood development in mountain communities through Fedicamp’s work; support Axayacatl’s work to defend women’s rights and reduce domestic violence, help re-establish endangered sea turtle populations and promote ecotourism, support Los Pipitos efforts to help disabled children learn and grow, and more.

In addition to financial support, we sent two shipments of material aid to our partners, which had a value of over $80,000. Thanks again for all your support for the shipments – both the donations, and the help in organizing and packing the containers.

Operation costs were generally in line with our budget, as shown on the table on the right. A few notes on 2016 expenses:

- Shipment and event costs do not include the many volunteer hours spent helping the shipment get out and providing our dinner forum programs
- Delegation expenses are paid by donations of delegation members.
- The table does not include pass-through funds for Grupo Cajola, an independent organization with a mission consistent with that of Peaceworks.

**Key Work Planned for 2017**

- $95,000 in support to our partners in monetary aid (including $46,000 brought with the January 2017 delegation)
- 2 shipments – May and October
- January delegation to maintain our strong relationships with our partners and learn of new opportunities to help

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** Does not include funds brought to partners with January 2017 delegation from 2016 donations $45,000 added to budget in March 2016 for Inhijambia truck and for houses.