



May 30, 2017

Dear friends,

There's a lot happening this summer in the PeaceWorks community! Highlights include:

- * Our 71st material aid shipment is on its way to Nicaragua!
- * June 10th Dinner Forum: The life and tragic death of Sister Maura Clarke in El Salvador
- * July 8th Solidarity Roast
- * August 17-21st Retreat at World Fellowship, Conway NH!

But let's start in northern Nicaragua with some good news for the remote village of El Zapote. After five long years of drought, the spring rains have been plentiful and outlook for this year's growing season is good! The families of El Zapote are breathing a sigh of relief, but they also know that future weather and climate patterns are more uncertain than ever. They must work hard to take advantage of every drop.

Like dozens of other remote farming communities in Northern Nicaragua, El Zapote has counted on the technical expertise of PeaceWorks' partner FEDICAMP - the Federation of Rural Farmers of Nicaragua. Through FEDICAMP, they have learned new methods to retain and efficiently use water. They've created a community seed bank and are working to diversify their crops. Local youth, like Lenar Antonio Canales, have been trained to monitor rainfall, identify challenges and share knowledge -- at home in El Zapote and with youth leaders throughout the region.

The PeaceWorks Board has set a goal to raise \$15,000 to help FEDICAMP continue their work in remote communities, like El Zapote. Wells and retaining walls need to be built. Youth leaders like Lenar will need training. Seed banks need to be started. Please consider helping FEDICAMP make the most of this growing season and prepare for a more sustainable future.

***June 10th dinner forum with Investigative Journalist Eileen Markey**

From Ireland to New York to Nicaragua and El Salvador, come learn about the remarkable journey of Sister Maura Clarke, a Maryknoll nun killed in El Salvador in 1980. Investigative journalist Eileen Markey will stories from her new book, *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sr. Maura* (Nation Books, 2016).

***Rain (not shine) - we got our 71st humanitarian aid shipment off to Nicaragua.**

About 40 of us braved the May 13th nor'easter to pack the container. Thank you to everyone who came out, donated items and helped offset the costs of sending off the 45' shipping container. And an extra shout out to the crews from Christ Church in Summit and the Rockland Co. (NY) Sister City projects for their patience and the loaner vans. Awesome work, folks!

***July 8th Solidarity Roast**

Delicious food. Great music. Come on out for a few happy hours with a community of people whose bonds reach a quarter century. So, let's celebrate!

***PeaceWorks' Summer Camp at World Fellowship Center Aug 17-21st**

When the 24-hour news cycle has got you down, a long weekend with friends might be the escape you need. Join us for the PeaceWorks summer camp retreat at World Fellowship near Conway, NH. Four days and three nights hiking on trails and swimming in lakes on a few hundred acres of magnificent woods at the foot of the White Mountains. Go to PeaceWorks.org for the details.

Thank you for your kindness and solidarity through rainy seasons and drought. We feel blessed knowing that we can do this work, people to people, together.

Paz y solidaridad

Denis, Diane and the entire PeaceWorks Board

I would like to contribute to help FEDICAMP work with more remote communities in Nicaragua:

\$ _____

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: _____

A RADICAL FAITH: THE LIFE AND DEATH OF SISTER MAURA



Eileen Markey is an investigative journalist whose work has appeared in the New York Times, New York Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, The Village Voice and America, among others. Her book, "A Radical Faith" was published by The Nation books in 2016.

Many will remember the grainy images of the bodies being pulled from a shallow grave 37 years ago during El Salvador's brutal civil war. But few know the background stories of the Maryknoll sisters who lost their lives that day.

Join us for a conversation with investigative journalist Eileen Markey who examines the life of one of the nuns, Sr. Maura Clarke. Tracing Maura's transformation from obedience to solidarity with the people of Central America, Markey weaves an intimate portrait of Maura's spiritual and political journey from the Bronx to Nicaragua to her untimely death in El Salvador.

Saturday June 10th, 2017

Dinner at 6:30. Program at 7:30pm.

Summit-Chatham Friends Meeting, 158 Southern Blvd, Chatham, NJ.

\$10 adults. Kids free. RSVP to smsteiner100@gmail.com



peaceworks.org



COME RAIN
OR...NO SHINE
THIS TIME,
BUT WE GOT
THE JOB DONE!

71ST HUMANITARIAN AID SHIPMENT TO NICARAGUA

MAY 13TH, 2017

In a few short days tens of thousands of dollars in material aid donations will arrive in Nicaragua. Thankfully, a dedicated crew weathered the nor'easter and got the job done in record time. Here are a few of the items our community sent down:

- *158 Boxes of Used Clothing
- *25 Boxes of Gently Used Shoes
- *97 Boxes of New School Supplies
- *178 Boxes of Household items
- *22 Boxes of Medical Supplies
- *93 Wheelchairs, walkers & canes
- *57 Bicycles
- *42 Boxes of Sewing Supplies
- *52 Boxes of Tools
- *40 Boxes of Gently Used Toys
- *7 Refrigerators
- *56 Boxes of Sporting Goods



BUILDING PEACE IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

(DON'T TRY IT
WHILE HUNGRY)



PEACEWORKS 2017 SOLIDARITY ROAST

Celebrating 25 years of Friendship with the People of Central America

Saturday, July 8th, 3 to 7pm (rain or shine)
Chatham-Summit Quaker Meeting House,
158 Southern Blvd., Chatham Township, NJ

Barbecued foods & grilled veggie delights. Delicious salads,
scrumptious desserts, refreshments! Raffles, crafts, organic coffee!

RSVP to smsteiner100@gmail.com

\$10 Adults, kids eat free!



peaceworks.org

*Come celebrate 25 years of working
people to people, pueblo a pueblo*

PEACEWORKS SUMMER CAMP 2017

AT THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP CENTER
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

AUGUST 17-21

450+ ACRES OF HIKING,
BIKING, SWIMMING &
CANOEING. GREAT FOOD.
GOOD FRIENDS &
LIVELY CONVERSATION.

DETAILS AT PEACEWORKS.ORG

QUESTIONS? CONTACT AUSTIN HAEBERLE CINEMAUS@GMAIL.COM

