Dear friends,

They say things are calming down in Nicaragua.

After four solid months of unrest, our partners tell us that most places have returned to some semblance of normality — the barricades built by protesters have been taken down or removed. People are going back to work. Economic activity is slowly picking up.

It is our great hope that the relative tranquility will buy enough time so that a real and peaceful national dialogue can take place.

The people of Nicaragua have been shaken. Recent reports of young people fleeing the country for their personal safety are troubling. Kidnappings and beatings continue. Some of the universities that were occupied by students have not reopened it is doubtful that they will anytime soon.

What will it take to bring about a real, lasting peace? Who must be involved? How long will it take?

On September 8th at 6:30 Maria Eugenia Delgadillo, leader of the Axayacatl Women’s Collective in Masaya, Nicaragua will lead a discussion on these very questions. The dinner forum at the Friends Meeting in Chatham will kick off a week-long speaking tour in northern New Jersey.

Maria Eugenia and the Axayacatl team work to empower women in all aspects of their lives, while deconstructing the patriarchal system that impedes their growth. They are leaders in Nicaragua’s feminist movement — a movement that has been sounding the alarm about Nicaragua’s precarious political situation for years. Axayacatl has seen close up how a top-down system of insider party politics creates and maintains policies that systematically violate the rights of women. If Nicaraguans, men and women, are to live in peace, this work MUST continue. Their voices MUST never be silenced.
We are very grateful for the emergency funds the PeaceWorks community has contributed since June. At our solidarity Roast alone we raised $2300. In all, we have raised and are now distributing $23,000 since the violence started in April. This emergency funding will help keep operations going — desperately needed money to ensure that programs for women, children and Nicaragua’s most vulnerable citizens don't falter.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with our partners through these uncertain times. On everyone’s behalf, muchisimas gracias.

En paz y solidaridad,
Denis, Diane, John, Micha, Maggie, Susan, Marilyn and Guy
The PeaceWorks Board

I’d like to contribute to the EMERGENCY FUND for PeaceWorks partners because of the recent violence:

- $50  - $75  - $100  - $150  - $250  - $500  - $1000  - $____________

I'd like to contribute to PeaceWorks general fund to pay for shipments and other projects:

- $50  - $75  - $100  - $150  - $250  - $500  - $1000  - $____________

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

Name: ________________________________ Email: _____________________________________
AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR PEACE

A DINNER FORUM WITH MARIA EUGENIA DELGADILLO

Texts to PeaceWorks from the Axayacatl Women’s Collective:

Sun, Jun 3
5 deaths in Masaya yesterday, including a 15-year-old boy who had pleaded for his life.

Mon, Jun 4
They’re attacking Masaya again. May God protect us all.

Wed, Jun 6
People put up barricades to defend themselves from the anti-riot police and paramilitary groups. All traffic in Masaya has stopped. Barricades are everywhere.

Tue, Jun 19
A friend told us many wounded laying on the ground in San Carlos - can’t get them to the hospital as they are surrounded. Pray for Masaya.

Thu, Jun 21
Gunfire is everywhere in Masaya. Government forces want to go into Monimbo. Many of the barricades taken down. ANGUISH. PAIN. RAGE.

The texts started coming in last April: the Nicaraguan government began a widespread crackdown on protesters marching against cuts to social security. While the brutality of the government forces caught most Nicaraguans by surprise, feminist organizations like PeaceWorks partner Axayacatl Women’s Collective have been sounding the alarm about human rights violations for years.

Join PeaceWorks for a dinner forum with Axayacatl Director Maria Eugenia Delgadillo. Maria Eugenia and the women of Axayacatl are more than eye-witnesses to the violence that has consumed their hometown of Masaya. As leaders in Nicaragua’s feminist movement and providing support to women fleeing domestic violence, they have a clear vision for what Nicaragua needs most - a path to peace for all.

Saturday September 8th, 2018
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

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AN URGENT MESSAGE FOR PEACE FOR NICARAGUA

A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE WITH AXAYACATL’S MARIA EUGENIA DELGADILLO

Please note the following events are subject to change.
Go to PeaceWorks.org for the most updated information - more events will be announced.

Saturday Sept. 8
PeaceWorks Dinner Forum, 6:30pm
Friends Meeting, Chatham
158 Southern Blvd., Chatham, NJ

Sunday Sept 9
Presbyterian Church of Madison, 9am
19 Green Ave, Madison, NJ

Center for Spiritual Living, 12pm noon
331 Mt Kemble Ave, Morristown

Monday Sept 10
Rutgers School of Social Work
Center on Violence Against Women and Children

Tuesday Sept 11
Casa de Don Pedro in Newark
(closed event)

Wednesday Sept 12
YWCA of Eastern Union County, 9:30am
Women’s Shelter (closed event)

Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary, 12:15p
The Stage House Restaurant
Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ

Guillotine Hair Salon, 2pm
108 Central Ave, Westfield, NJ

Thursday Sept 13
Meetings with support organizations
in New York City

Friday Sept 14
Dinner Pot Luck at the
Madison United Methodist Church
24 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ

Saturday Sept 15
Casa del Banquete, 7:30 pm
409 Mountain Ave, Bound Brook, NJ
(¡En español!) 

Soirée and fundraiser, 6-9pm
Home of Jen and Jerry O’Leary
18 Kingman Rd., South Orange, NJ

Sunday Sept 16
Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church
888 Stuyvesant Ave, Union, NJ

First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, 1pm
11 Springfield Ave, Cranford, NJ

The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook, 4:30pm
409 Mountain Ave, Bound Brook, NJ

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Join PeaceWorks for a conversation with Maria Eugenia Delgadillo, director of the Axayacatl Masaya Women’s Collective. Hear her eye-witness account to the recent violence in Nicaragua. Learn how her organization empowers women and girls to fight domestic violence and sexual abuse while learning skills that will make them economically independent.
PEACEWORKS
74th HUMANITARIAN AID SHIPMENT TO NICARAGUA

Help us get stuff like this...
...to put in a container like that.

Pre-Shipmenent
Workday & Drop-off
Saturday September 29th
10am-2pm
Shrine of St. Joseph
1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ

Shipment Packing Day (rain or shine)
Saturday, October 13th, 10am to 5pm
United Presbyterian Church, 525 E. Front St.
Plainfield, NJ 07060
Contact: Austin Haeberle, cinemaus@gmail.com, 347-514-1707
Lunch will be served!

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Requested Material Aid Donations for the People of Nicaragua

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United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ 07060
Contact: Austin Haeberle, cinemaus@gmail.com

The following list is a partial list for gently used material aid donations requested by PeaceWorks' partners in Nicaragua. Please contact us for large items. We can NOT accept: medicines, electronics that do not work, tube TVs, items made of glass or ceramic, books in English, stuffed animals or winter clothing. We do not accept things in disrepair.

School Supplies
* notebooks, pens, pencils, calculators, scissors, etc. (even gently used supplies are good!)
* Art supplies for children and teens

*Medical supplies (we cannot accept any medicine)
* dentistry equipment
* Bandages, gauze, ace bandages, cast supplies, etc.
* Blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, etc.
* Reading glasses & eyeglasses
* Wheelchairs
* Canes, crutches
* Commodes
* Physical therapy equipment and supplies
* Medical examination table, lifts for disabled persons
* please contact us if you know of a medical office or hospital that is upgrading and can donate old equipment

Sewing Items
* Sewing machines (good working order)
* Sewing supplies - needles, thread, zippers, spare parts for machines
* Fabric – for clothing, costumes, curtains, etc.

Furniture & appliances
* washing machines, refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.
* working air conditioners
* tables, end tables, folding chairs, desks, bed frames, file cabinets, etc. (please contact us first for bulky items. Generally, we cannot accept upholstered furniture)

*Gently used or lightly used Clothing & Shoes (light weight, no winter clothing or coats)
* Women’s, Girl’s, Men’s, Boy’s, Baby
* all kinds of boots and rain gear is needed
* sandals, sneakers, dress shoes, etc. (tie pairs together!)

Computers & Electronic equipment
* Laptop computers (no older than 4 years, with wiped memory)
* Desk top computers (recent, with wiped memory)
* Printers/copiers (recent, extra cartridges are necessary)
* Flat screen TVs and monitors (sorry, we do not accept old tube TVs)
* Projectors
* Cameras (video and photo, but not too old)

Musical Instruments
* Guitars (nylon string)
* Musical instruments (all desired)

Gardening and farming tools, equipment and supplies
* Gardening tools – heavy duty – shovels, hoes, rakes, wheelbarrows, clippers, etc.
* Gardening supplies – trays, pots, pails, hose, etc.
* Sprayers for fertilizer of pesticides
* Fencing and netting
* Drip irrigation tubing

Household Items
* Linens, blankets, table cloths
* Towels
* Kitchen items – pots, implements, eating utensils, etc. (please, no glass or ceramic items).
* Electric Appliances
* Fans
* blenders, heaters, mixers, etc.
* Extension cords

Toys
* Toys for young children (legos, blocks, puzzles, etc. – we can not accept stuffed animals or cheap plastic toys) (Please, no books in English unless about learning the English language)

Carpeting Tools
* Carpentry tools – screwdrivers, hammers, wrenches, chisels, saws, planes, etc.
* Electric tools – saws, drills, sanders, routers, etc.
* boxes of screws, nails, etc.

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