Dear friends,

The numbers in this 2018 PeaceWorks financial report are strong -- a concrete expression of our community’s solidarity with the people of Nicaragua.

But we don’t want to ignore another set of numbers -- those coming out of Nicaragua.

Just a year ago, Nicaragua’s economy was projected to grow at a hearty 4%, the envy of Central America. But since April, when the crackdown on elderly people and student protesters began, the economy has been in free-fall. Conservatively, over 300 people have been killed and over 500 activists jailed. Moreover, tens of thousands have fled Nicaragua — 23,000 to Costa Rica alone.

As witnessed by our recent delegation, the tourism industry has been decimated. 70,000 tourism jobs are gone, representing nearly a quarter of the 400,000 overall jobs lost. And yet, so far, our partners have somehow managed to ride out this storm. We believe this is due, in part, to the PeaceWorks Community.

PeaceWorks' 2018 investments in our Nicaraguan partners included $46,475 for Inhijambia’s Program for Street Kids, $32,454 for FEDICAMP, and $54,750 for the Axayacatl Women’s Collective. In all, we invested $148,000 in direct aid for projects in 2018. For greater details on income and expenditures see the charts included on the following pages.
And the money we raised over the holiday season is already at work in Nicaragua-- our January delegation hand-carried down and distributed just over $60,000 of your donations. We will present all of the details at our March 9th dinner forum.

March 9th Dinner Forum with our Delegation
At our March 9th dinner forum, members of the January delegation will present their report from the field - political insights, plans for future work and financial reporting from Nicaragua.

May 11th - 75th Shipment to Nicaragua
We will pack our 75th humanitarian aid shipment on Saturday May 11th. In this economic crisis, our partner communities need material aid more than ever. We are including a list of needed items — your donations and financial support to offset the shipping costs are greatly appreciated.

Income to PeaceWorks does not include material aid donations for our partners, like this dental equipment at the Jubilee House clinic in Ciudad Sandino.

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Thank you for standing with our partners through these turbulent times. Your support will impact the lives of our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters for many years to come.

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

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OUR PARTNERS IN NICARAGUA NEED YOUR GENTLY USED THINGS.

PEACEWORKS 75TH HUMANITARIAN AID SHIPMENT TO NICARAGUA
Saturday May 11th, 2019, 10am-4pm
United Presbyterian Church. 525 East Front Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060. 973-543-4724
Contact: Austin Haeberle, cinemaus@gmail.com

Pre-Shipmeny
Workdays & Drop-off
Saturday April 27th
10am-2pm
Shrine of St. Joseph
1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ

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