



April 5, 2019

Dear friends,

In just a few days - on Saturday April 13th, former Sandinista *Comandante* Luis Carrion will speak to us from Managua in a special dinner forum. He has a fascinating story, but like tens of thousands of other Nicaraguans, Carrion believes that the ideals of the Revolution he fought for are under threat.

You will hear about *Comandante* Carrion's political awakening -- taking up arms alongside Daniel Ortega and other Sandinistas to liberate the Nicaraguan people from a brutal U.S.-backed puppet. He will speak about governing the newly formed *Nicaragua Libre* in the midst of the barbaric "low intensity conflict" paid for and directed by the United States - the Contra War. But Carrion will also address the current repression that he and tens of thousands of Nicaraguans say has put the Nicaraguan Revolution in jeopardy.

In spite of the ongoing difficulties in Nicaragua, our January delegation returned with a sense of optimism for the work ahead.

Please read the included **2019 Delegation to Nicaragua "Report from the Field."** It has the stories and highlights from our 12-day tour visiting our partners, distributing financial support and planning projects for the year to come. This short report is the best way for you to quickly see what our people-to-people solidarity work looks like, on the ground, in Nicaragua.

## DINNER FORUM: A CONVERSATION WITH COMANDANTE LUIS CARRIÓN



In the early 1970's Luis Carrion's father came home to find his hunting rifles, and son, vanished. In 1979 Luis emerged as Comandante Carrion, a leader of a socialist revolution that shook the world. 40 years later, Carrion believes the Nicaraguan Revolution has met its greatest threat.

**SATURDAY APRIL 13TH, 6:30PM**  
**FRIENDS MEETING IN CHATHAM**  
\$10 (kids free)  
RSVP to [smsteiner100@gmail.com](mailto:smsteiner100@gmail.com)

PeaceWorks, 1125 Woolley Ave., Union, NJ 07083  
917-301-6967, [peaceworks.org](http://peaceworks.org)

**Our 74th Humanitarian Aid Shipment finally made it to Nicaragua!** Your donations have arrived and have already been distributed to our partners. Check out the photos below. However, because of the political turmoil and havoc caused by the Nica Act, it took an additional three months and \$5200.00 in fees to get the shipment out of customs.



*March 20th - Axayacatl's Maria Eugenia Delgadillo is about to drive away with donations from our 74th humanitarian aid shipment.*

But the good news is that we've already received \$1000 from our Rockland County partners to offset the \$5200 in unexpected costs. Please consider making a donation to help us further offset this extraordinary, one-time increase that we do not expect to see in the future.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - Material Aid Donations Needed for our 75th Humanitarian Aid Shipment**  
 Keep the material aid donations coming! We can receive your donations on **Saturday April 27th shipment workday at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling**. We'll have a couple dozen Seton Hall students to help you unload things from your car. See [peaceworks.org](http://peaceworks.org) to download a list.

See you at the Luis Carrión dinner forum on April 13<sup>th</sup> and, as always, thank you for your solidarity and support.

Un fuerte abrazo,

Denis, Diane, John, Micha, Maggie, Susan, Marilyn and Guy

The PeaceWorks Board



*This is what it looks like on the other end of a PeaceWorks shipment – women at Axayacatl unpacking things they need for their families.*

I'd like to contribute to help offset the additional costs of our most recent humanitarian aid shipment:

\$50    \$75    \$100    \$150    \$250    \$500    \$1000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to contribute to the JIM BURCHELL PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CAMPAIGN:

\$50    \$75    \$100    \$150    \$250    \$500    \$1000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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