



February 7, 2020

Dear friends,

We're proudly passing along our financial summary for 2019 along with exciting goals for the upcoming year.

Our treasurer John Keith reports that we had a remarkable \$180,543 in income last year, with over 190 individual and 17 church and corporate donors.

PeaceWorks fundraising finished particularly strong at year's end – just in time for our January delegation to hand-carry over \$70,000 to our partners in Nicaragua. In all, in 2019, we provided just over \$105,000 in direct partner support. We also provided just over \$24,000 in material aid, including two humanitarian aid shipments. While the financials are promising, there are important political and economic challenges we can't ignore.

### **Facing Challenges**

Our partners are still experiencing fallout from the ongoing political unrest. On a logistical level, it is almost impossible to wire money to our partners since US banks pulled out of Nicaragua following our government's Nica Act in 2018. Along with hand-carrying donations, we continue to find alternative ways to distribute funding.

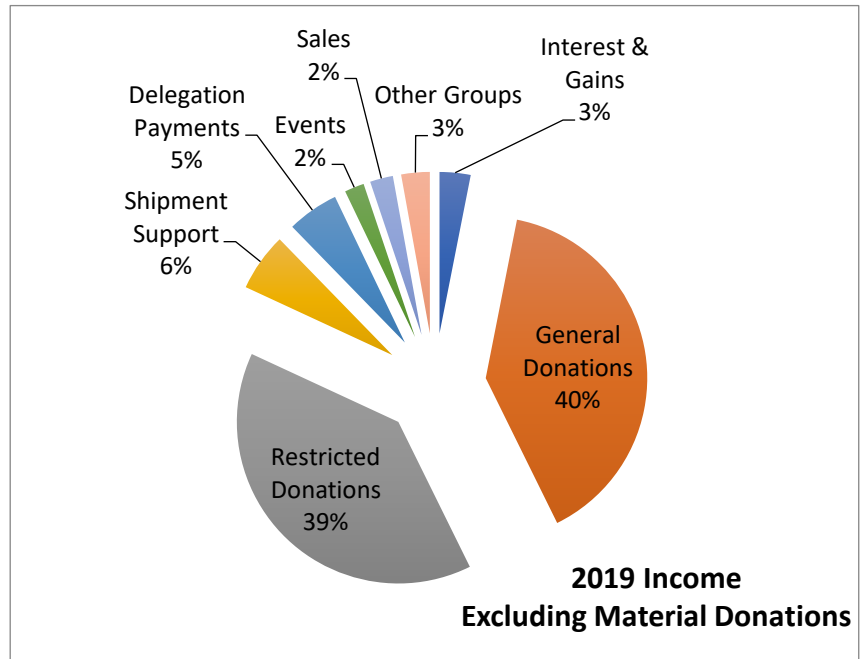
On the ground in Nicaragua, the government has cut back funding to municipalities by approximately 70% – meaning that money for water and other infrastructure projects in most places has all but vanished. Some of our partners' international funding streams have been curtailed as well. While our delegation team felt safe moving about, many Nicaraguans still remain fearful as arbitrary arrests of human rights activists continue.

**DINNER FORUM:  
2020 DELEGATION  
TO NICARAGUA**

**SATURDAY MARCH 14  
CHATHAM FRIENDS MEETING  
6:30PM**

## 2019 Income

Income Sources	2019 Full Year
Interest & Gains	5,768
General Donations	68,293
Restricted Donations	72,852
Shipment Support	10,800
Delegation Payments	9,600
Events	3,645
Sales	4,284
Other Groups	5,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,543</b>



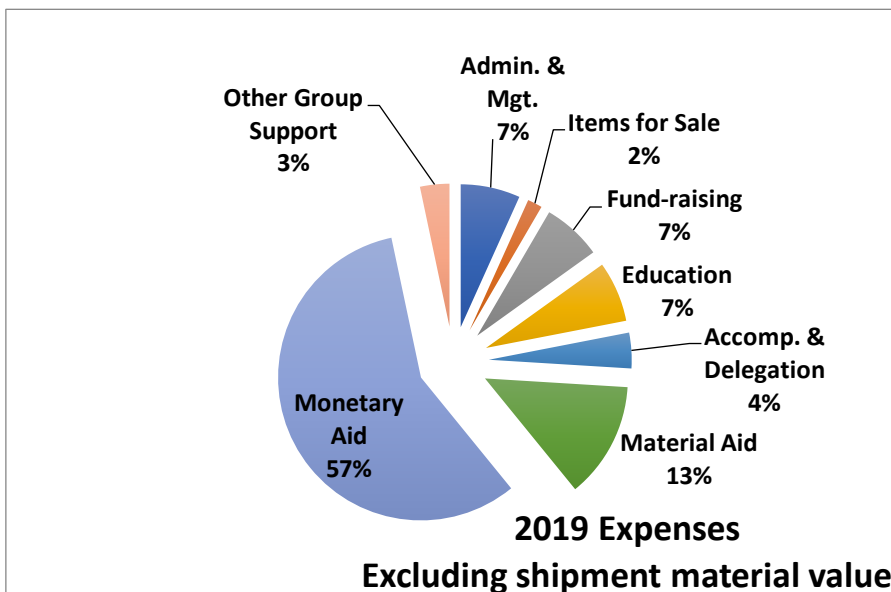
### Signs of Hope

Yet, in spite of it all, our partners in Nicaragua push on. The *Chispa de Vida* program for kids with disabilities, which took a brief hiatus because of a lack of funds, is back in operation. FEDICAMP, while cutting back staff, still completed major water and sustainable farming projects. This past season, the turtle sanctuary

released more turtles than ever. The *El Porvenir* coffee coop had a good coffee harvest this year. Inhijambia's new program in the Eastern Market is reaching even more street kids and their farm is producing more food every year. Axayacatl continues to support over 700 women whose lives were upended by domestic violence.

## 2019 Expenses

Category	Expenses (Money Only)
Admin. & Mgt.	12,304
Items for Sale	3,039
Fund-raising	12,232
Education	12,518
Accomp. & Delegation	7,363
Material Aid	24,029
Monetary Aid	105,150
Other Group Support	6,066
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>182,700</b>



**2020 Goals & Events**

The PeaceWorks board is looking at a goal of \$125,000 in direct funding for our partners in 2020. We will work hard to make this goal a reality because the work of our Nicaraguan partners—creating safer and more sustainable communities for thousands of Nicaraguan families - men, women and children-- is a priority for all of us.

**History of Partner Support**

Partner	2017	2018	2019
Inhijambia	25,854	46,475	45,600
Fedicamp	31,900	32,545	30,400
Axayacatl	21,860	54,750	8,000
La Tierra	7,140	7,735	6,000
Palo de Oro Turtles	1,145	3,000	2,500
El Porvenir	400	2,500	2,300
Other*	1,463	1,050	10,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,761</b>	<b>148,055</b>	<b>105,150</b>

\* Cusmapa Community Development Association, Padre Fabretto weaving cooperative, Jubilee House, Others

In addition to our financial goals, PeaceWorks provides many ways for our community to help build peace in Nicaragua, like our material aid shipments and dinner forum events. Come out to our March 14<sup>th</sup> dinner forum to meet the members of our January delegation and hear about their experiences.

**Dinner at 6:30, presentation at 7:30pm at the Friends Meeting in Chatham.**

For people unable to go to Nicaragua on one of our delegations, and also for those who ARE able to, from time to time we bring Nicaragua to you. In April we’re bringing up Inhijambia’s Carlos Ernesto Molina to spend a week meeting at schools and churches throughout northern New Jersey, as well as to speak at our April 18<sup>th</sup> dinner forum about Inhijambia’s current dreams and challenges for the children and young adults they support. .

Also, help us pack and send our humanitarian aid shipment to Nicaragua on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We need material aid donations and money to get this 78<sup>th</sup> shipment out to sea and down to Nicaragua.

Thank you for your generosity in 2019 and we hope to see you in the coming months.

In Solidarity,  
 Denis, Diane, John, Micha, Maggie, Susan, Marilyn and Guy  
 The PeaceWorks Board

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Income History	
Year	Income*
2014	124,856
2015	163,214
2016	198,371
2017	244,358
2018	187,024
2019	180,543

I’d like to contribute to offset the nearly \$10,000 in shipping costs to get the next humanitarian aid shipment to Nicaragua.

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

I'd like to make a general support donation to PeaceWorks:

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

## Requested Material Aid Donations for the People of Nicaragua

**Pre-Shipment Workday (volunteers needed): Saturday April 25th, 2020 11am-2pm**  
Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Rd, Stirling, NJ 07980

**Shipment Container Packing Day (volunteers needed): Saturday May 9th, 2020 10am-5pm**  
United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ 07060  
Contact: Austin Haerberle, [cinemaus@gmail.com](mailto: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 anything with an expiration date, 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 (no medicines or items with expiration dates)**

\*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

### Sporting equipment & uniforms

Nicaraguans are huge baseball players – an email to a coach or families with grown kids could put old equipment to good use!

### 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)*

### Musical Instruments

\*Guitars (nylon string)

\*Musical instruments (all desired)

### 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

### 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 not accept old tube TVs)*

\*Projectors

\*Cameras *(video and photo, but not too old)*

### 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 or pesticides

\*Fencing and netting

\*Drip irrigation tubing

### Carpentry 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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