

May 30, 2022

Dear friends,

By the time you receive this, eight of us will be in Nicaragua for a two-week delegation to meet with our partners and travel a country we love. Join us on Facebook – we'll take you through the mountains and small farming villages, from Managua's massive Eastern Market to a beachside sea turtle sanctuary...all the places where our partners have inspired us for 30 years. Witnessing their work and discovering new ways to help them grow is the heart and soul of PeaceWorks' people-to-people approach to mutual aid.

We can't wait to tell you all about our trip so mark your calendar for these upcoming events: on July 9th we'll hold our annual Solidarity Roast and on September 17th we'll celebrate our 30th anniversary! Both events will be outdoors and will start at 3pm at the Friends Meeting in Chatham.

**The 78th Mutual Aid Shipment is on its way to Nicaragua!**

While the pandemic continues to create challenges in all of our lives and hardships for our Nicaraguan partners, we reach out to you today with good news: after two long years, we have finally been able to send a mutual aid shipment to Nicaragua – your generous donations are now at sea and will arrive shortly to Nicaragua's Puerto Sandino.

**SATURDAY  
JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 3PM  
FRIENDS MEETING IN CHATHAM  
\$10 (kids free), RSVP [smsteiner100@gmail.com](mailto:smsteiner100@gmail.com)**

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Thanks to the generosity of our PeaceWorks community, and the strong backs of our volunteers, we were able to pack up a 45-foot shipping container with over 1000 boxes of donated items: bicycles, tools, sewing machines, refrigerators and kitchen appliances, medical supplies, toys and sporting goods, boxes of shoes and clothing, and much more. These much needed supplies will be distributed among our partners around the country to support their work with Nicaragua's most marginalized communities.

Our partner, FEDICAMP (the Federation of Rural Farmers), will use the shovels, rakes and rain barrels

to help local farming families. The team at Axayacatl, will distribute sewing machines, clothes, and housewares to women fleeing domestic violence. Inhijambia will give clothing, toys and school supplies to street children working in Managua's central market. Our friends at Jubilee will use the medical equipment and supplies in their clinic, which serves some of Managua's poorest residents. All of our partners will put the bicycles, shoes and clothing to good use as they struggle to continue their work in the face of increasing challenges.



May 14th 2022 - thank you for all of the donations and hard work to get our 78th shipment off to sea!

## It's time for a visit! PeaceWorks 2022 Delegation to Nicaragua

It has been far too long! The pandemic made communication more challenging in recent years and we look forward to sitting down together over *pan y cafe* and hearing about the needs and realities of each partner and project. Join our 2022 Delegation to Nicaragua on Facebook and stay tuned as we share photos and stories along the way!

### Day One: Sustainable Agriculture in Cusmapa

In the town of Cusmapa in Nicaragua's northern Segovia mountains we'll begin our time with FEDICAMP, our partner doing sustainable agriculture and water projects with six local community associations.

### Day Two: New Potable Water in El Mojón

We'll visit the community of El Mojón to see their new potable water system and latrine project funded by PeaceWorks in collaboration with Green Empowerment.



### Day Three: Yalaguina and Riito Abajo

We'll travel to San Antonio, Yalaguina to meet with the mayor and the Potable Water Committee - we'll see their new water and latrine projects. In the afternoon we'll travel to Riito Abajo, Palacaguina to see the organic agricultural work.



### Day Four: Somoto Canyon and Leon

Not to make anyone up north jealous, but we will be floating through the magnificent Somoto Canyon, a place of natural beauty and wonder before heading to Leon. Leon has highly acclaimed art museums like the Museo Ortiz Guardian. Otherwise, we'll just enjoy the picturesque churches and colonial architecture.

### Day Five: El Porvenir Coffee Coop and Las Peñitas

We'll get an early start for the 2-3 hour trip up to the mountain-top coffee coop of El Porvenir where they grow the stuff that has powered PeaceWorks for more than a decade.



### Day Six: La Isla de Juan Venado Wildlife Reserve

To get to the *Isla de Juan Venado*, we'll make our way through a wonderful mangrove estuary. On the island we'll visit with the sea turtle sanctuary which had a record-breaking release this past season.



### Days 7-8: Jubilee House & Mariposa Spanish School

Jubilee runs a clinic in Ciudad Sandino, just outside of Managua. Mariposa is more than a Spanish school: they have all kinds of environmental and social programs - like the Chispa de Vida program for kids with disabilities.

### Days 9-10: Inhijambia Program for Street Kids

*Inhijambia* staff will accompany us to the Eastern Market (Mercado Oriental) to visit their 'Seed Program' - the littlest ones. We'll head back to the "Jim Burchell Welcome Center" where *Inhijambia* runs their program for boys. Later, we'll go to the girls' center. We also hope to run into one or two of the dozen scholarship recipients that Jerry McKenna has organized. The following day we'll visit *Inhijambia's* farm where they grow their own food and chickens. We'll also visit a small community where PeaceWorks is helping *Inhijambia* build homes for former street children.

### Day 11: Axayacatl Women's Collective

We'll meet Axayacatl at their new Women's Center in Masaya where they work with women to combat domestic violence, build self-esteem, encourage civic engagement and organize for social change.



### Day 12: Granada and the Laguna de Apoyo

Granada is a beautiful colonial city and in the afternoon we'll visit the San Juan de Oriente pottery village as well as take a swim Laguna de Apoyo, the beautiful crater lake between Masaya and Granada.

### Scholarships: 30k for our 30th anniversary

One thing that we hear from our Nicaraguan friends over and over is that access to education is the only hope for the next generation of Nicaraguans trying to build a more just society. That's why we've set a goal to raise an additional 30k for scholarships for our 30th anniversary. In Managua, 30k will be just about enough to provide a full college education for 5 students. Please help us invest in Nicaragua's future by supporting its most valuable resource – the youth!

Reach out to Gerry McKenna who's coordinating the scholarships. He could probably tell you about a student or two who could use your support. gerard1938@verizon.net

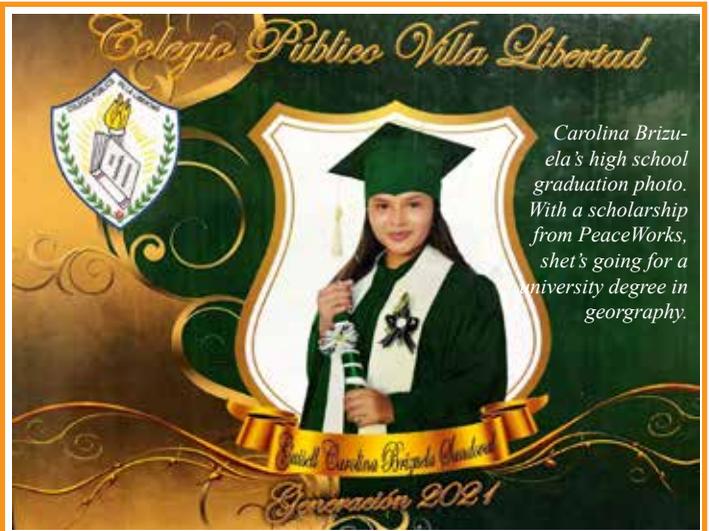
### 30 Years of Solidarity: Save the date!

We want you to mark your calendars for our 30th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 17th, 3-7pm at the Chatham Quaker Meeting House. You won't want to miss it, so put the enclosed card on your refrigerators!



As always, we know that none of this work would be possible without the support of you, our wonderful PeaceWorks community.

Denis, Diane, John, Micha, Maggie, Susan, Marilyn and Guy (The PeaceWorks Board)



Dear Gerry,

*I live in the Israel Galeano neighborhood, with my mother, my stepfather and I have 5 siblings. My uncles and aunts live in my house with whom we share the space of the house that belongs to my grandmother. My biggest dream is to be a professional, to work and one day buy a house, to live with my mother and brothers, where I currently live, we are not enough, I want to help my family get ahead and meet all my goals in the future when my economic conditions are stable and help other young people from Inhijambia, who just like me want to get ahead.*

*I feel very grateful to the Inhijambia Association that has given me the opportunity to continue my studies. I also thank the Association because they also support my little sister, the teachers know the difficulties and danger that my brothers and I suffer.*

*In my family I am the first to go to university, it is an immense happiness, my mother is very proud of me and has great hopes for me and I ask God to help me not to fail her and to get ahead. I send you greetings and I thank you infinitely for your support, may God bless you and take care of you always.*

Carolina Brizuela  
PeaceWorks Scholarship Recipient  
National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, Geography

### DONATE TO PEACEWORKS!

I'd like to support the work of PeaceWorks and their partners in Nicaragua!

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I'd like to help offset the costs of the 78th mutual aid shipment:

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

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

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