



Open Hearts Ministries

Nicaragua - Los Farringtons

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Merry Christmas! We send the warmest Holiday greetings to you and your family from ours down here in Nicaragua...saying "warmest greetings" can certainly be taken literally coming from Nicaragua this time of year. We know there is a lot of bundling up and keeping warm up North. So, if anyone needs a relief from the the cold weather, we know the perfect place!

What's so special about celebrating Christmas every year, is that no matter where we are in the world we can celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. There is a warmth that is brought to our hearts, knowing that the Messiah has come and Peace, Joy, and Love are forever present in a world that can be so hard.

Our family just got back to Nicaragua after a very refreshing visit home for Thanksgiving. We were so blessed to see so many family and friends, and sad that we couldn't stay longer. But, our children were ready to go home. Coming home to a country that is so many years behind the country of our birth is hard at times...and frustrating because everything just seems broken. But in the first week home we went to Graduation at Club Esperanza, delivered gifts to Casa Robles, met with Pastor Victor from Walakitang and attended the big Christmas Party at the Club. Then there were many other little activities like paying scholarships, buying groceries for others, and giving God focused counsel to friends in need. We know God has a plan for our lives that is specific to us, and we also know that being in Nicaragua is a big part of that. So, thank you so very much for your prayers and support to our little Farrington Family.



May God bless you with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



As 2016 comes to an end and we enter this season of giving, we know many of you may be looking for a way to give charitably. We hope that you would consider donating towards **Club Cristiana La Esperanza** this year. We are able to reach so many people at Club Esperanza and we are so encouraged by the different ways that we are able to affect the lives of everyone in the community. In this part of our newsletter we will share with you some projects that we would like to be able to accomplish as we start 2017. The total cost is at the top of each section, then each individual project costs are listed as well. From small to large each of these projects is important for the future of the Club.

Club Esperanza - Tutoring Program

...amount needed \$16,700

The tutoring program is for our 1st - 6th grade students and is a huge ministry as we serve over 150 students every afternoon. We only have three actual classrooms so some of our groups meet outside under temporary tents to have lunch, do their homework, and spend time with their tutor.



We would like to build two permanent shelters similar to the one at Quinta Havilah (pictured to the left). It would be perfect for the teaching time and give a great cover from all the elements. The style is very pretty and the clay tile roof will keep it very cool. The cost to build these "Ranchitos de Teja" would be \$8,350 each.



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

*The prophetic words of Isaiah (KJV) * Announcing the birth of Jesus Christ * The Hope for all of us*

Club Esperanza - Feeding Program

...amount needed **\$6,375**

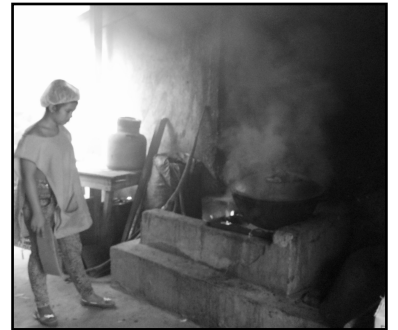
At Club Esperanza we feed over 300 people two times every day. Our kitchen is something we are very proud of because we make a big effort to not only feed every child, but feed them well! It is a hub of lots of activity!

As you can see in the picture below, our kitchen has an open front that faces the main gathering area. Because we also want to keep the kitchen very sanitary, it is important that we close the kitchen in on the front end. We also need to add wooden cabinets for keeping order. Cost to do both is \$4,750.

In the pictures to the side you can see some of the more particular needs that we have in the kitchen. First our wash basin is the one that we have had since we were in La Chureca. It has had a good life...a new one will cost \$350.

The next item that we have had since we were in La Chureca is the stove. It too has had a great life and has helped to serve thousands of meals over the last decade. A new one with two burners and a grill will cost \$825.

Lastly you see our outside kitchen where we cook beans and tortillas over firewood. This stove puts out tons of smoke. We don't have a hood in the roof for smoke to escape...this costs \$450.



Club Esperanza - Early Childhood Education

...amount needed **\$11,040**

Our early childhood education program provides an enormous blessing to the local community. We do not charge for enrollment, but we expect parents to be involved and have a teaching staff that is top notch. For families to have a place to bring their children everyday that is safe and of good quality lifts a big burden. It is a joy to work with these little ones!

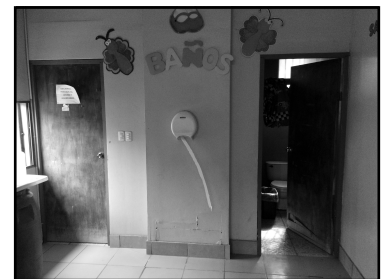
You can see in the first photograph that one of our preschool classes meet inside the dining hall. We need to place a retractable divider here. Cost \$1,110.

We have two bathrooms that serve everyone and they are really beaten down from all of the use. To remodel the bathrooms will cost \$3,700.

We have had the same wear on our classrooms. One of the big needs, is to replace the doors with official classroom doors. All three will cost \$380.

One of our classrooms also has a serious ventilation problem. What we would like to do, is place a window on an interior wall for air flow. Cost \$350.

Lastly our office is the central hub of the entire ministry. We have parent meetings, accounting meetings, staff meetings, etc in this office and it is not big enough. We plan to demolish an interior wall and expand the office space into an adjacent closet. This will help with our growing needs. Cost is \$5,500.



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