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This year has brought new challenges to Nicaragua· The economic impact of the war in Ukraine has compounded the accumulated and ongoing effects of Covid-19 and the 2018 troubles. Prices continued to increase during 2022, making more of the basics unaffordable for many. One important way Nicaraguans have responded is by unprecedented rates by migration to send remittances back home. I would imagine that almost everyone in Nicaragua now has a family member, if not close friend or neighbour, who has made the perilous journey to the US.

At the same time, we are deeply grateful to you, for your ongoing support. You made it possible for us to fund nine projects this year with our community partners. These projects make all the difference in the lives of their members. Their commitment to work together to improve conditions and possibilities for today and the future is inspiring.

Here are some thanks to you from one of our community partners in their own words. In Jiñocuao, where we supported renovations in 3 classrooms (that were originally built through Casa - Pueblito donations).

Mr. Yelson Carrasco the math teacher and Mr. Samuel Escalante the principal say, "thank you, Casa - Pueblito, for providing us with classrooms with dignity. Now we have painted walls and beautiful ceramic floors where before there were holes in the dirt floors." Several students, one of whom being Cristel Morales says, "now we feel motivated to study more. We thank you all for your generosity".

Muchas gracias! May solidarity and social justice prosper in 2023!

Madine C Nadine Jubb

Country Director

Photos sent from Julio Huete, Comunidad de Jiñocuao Renovations in classrooms in the school that were originally built through Casa - Pueblito donations.







A message from our President

2022 has been a continuation of the trials Casa Pueblito and the world at large have been struggling with since the beginning of the pandemic· I doubt if any of us can easily recall life as we knew it pre-Covid except for one, ongoing trait...the need to adapt·

Our team here in Toronto and Managua have been through so much but we have also been bolstered by the kindness and generosity of our supporters like you. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful association from our hard-working board of directors, our committed team on the job daily to our amazing community partners who know better than any of us the meaning of struggle.

Your caring keeps us all going and we can never fully thank you enough. We have now logged in 30 years of truly inspirational solidarity. May we keep the torch burning.

love and Peace,

Carl Melvin President

We thank you for all of your support over the years, and all of you who chose to support us through a donation from our Spring and Fall Appeal, Giving Tuesday, and / or our recent 30^{th} Anniversary Lunch and Auction·

PS- Those of you who donate through Canada Helps should already have your 2022 tax receipts. Those who donated directly-to Casa-Pueblito will receive your tax receipts in early 2023.

As you know we have always included self addressed, postage paid envelopes for those who wish to contribute. Since our move to new office space we have experienced ongoing issues with Canada Post. The latest involves the artwork supplied by Canada Post with their barcode for scanning, which we then had printed, does not direct the mail to our new office. Therefore we are unable to continue with the tradition of providing postage paid envelopes at this time. Our sincerest apologies.

Please don't use our old Bussiness return envelopes.

Mail to: Casa - Pueblito, 2356 Bloor St W, Toronto, ON M6S 1P3.

I know there are those who ask: Why does he not sing with the same wild harmonies as before? But they have not seen the labors of an hour the work of a minute, the prodigies of a year.

I am an aged tree that, when I was growing. uttered a vague, sweet sound when the breeze caressed me. The time for youthful smiles has now passed by: now, let the hurricane swirl my heart to song!

Ruben Dario

