

# NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA - SEPTEMBER 2018

After the months of violent disturbances in Nicaragua, we are happy to report that Penn and Doug had a peaceful and pleasant visit last week. It was a really good visit. The teachers (and many others) were so glad and appreciative that we were there. We are very glad to be able to tell you that the teachers and the school are doing really well.

## CONSTRUCTION FINISHED

The second floor is completed and tables are being built (cost less to build than to buy). The children are not yet allowed onto the second floor because it has not been approved by the Ministry of Education.



CONSTRUCTION OF TABLES

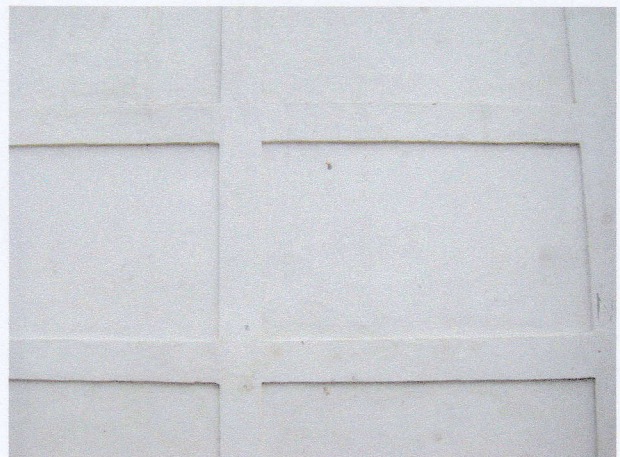
Unfortunately with the current struggles going on in Nicaragua it may take some time before the approval is made.

We are still raising money to finish outfitting these new classrooms. We have tried for some grants, but not received anything yet. But we continue to look.

## THE MURAL



We also have talked with Gerardo, the artist who did the mural (that had to be torn down with the construction) about painting the mural again or a new one. The teachers are very excited about this idea. We will be in touch with Gerardo as soon as we can arrange funds for this project. It made such a difference to have this beautiful mural on the school instead of this plain wall.





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## Meanwhile

- the school has remained open,
- The children are learning and playing,
- the parents are very appreciative of having a safe place to send their children
- the teachers have continued with all of the usual activities.

**In times of violence and change,  
children need the sense of doing the NORMAL things.**

Because of such generous gifts from so many of **you**, the school just recently distributed the third installment of food packages . These packages have been a huge help to families who are struggling with a deteriorating economy, loss of jobs and rising food prices.

Currently, many children are having trouble with a stomach and respiratory flu that is going around Managua right now (not unusual given the weather there at this time of year) and there was a request for more funds for medication which the parents have a hard time buying. Because of **your** generous gifts, the school has been able to provide many of the needed medicines.

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