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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are looking for people who will commit to making a monthly donation to support the little school and its programs. We have always been able to keep the school and scholarship fund afloat with individual donations during the year and our annual Fundraising drive in November.

However, we are finding it difficult to meet the needs of the school and the young people who are receiving scholarships. La Escuelita is being hit by two major forces at the same time.

On one hand costs have gone up in Nicaragua. The continuing economic struggles since the civil unrest of 2018 have raised the prices of almost everything. Add to that the fact that medicines and many other things sold in Nicaragua are made in China. Prices are rising rapidly.

On the other hand, the coronavirus pandemic has made fundraising difficult here in the US. We are not going out to speak with churches or groups like Rotary or Kiwanis clubs because those groups are not meeting.

We are looking for monthly donors who are willing to commit to regular giving – in any amount - to support the children.

This is our first time to make a request like this, but without this kind of sustaining support we are not sure that we can continue to help the school at the same level. We've been involved with the school since 2004 and we hate to think about cutting back.

We know it's a lot to ask but we need YOUR help, and we need YOUR ideas to help us raise the funds needed for the children.

THANK YOU

To support the education and health needs of the children of La Escuelita, I pledge to donate regularly

\$25 per month
 \$35 per month
 \$50 per month
 _____ per month

I will make my donation
 By Check
 By Direct Bank Transfer
 By PayPal (ask us for the link)

Signed _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

(All Donations to La Escuelita are Tax-deductible)

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CORONAVIRUS IN NICARAGUA

As of this writing, there are only four cases of the COVID-19 virus in Nicaragua, one of these has died, and there are other suspected cases but nothing confirmed. When I (Doug) visited Nicaragua a month ago, the Ministry of Health has already set up in the airport a thermal imaging camera looking for possible fevers and asking everyone about recent travel. For all the problems that exist in government, the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health is very proactive and does a good job.

There are no suspected cases in the area around the school, but all of the problems of poverty continue to exist and cause problems for the children of La Escuelita. However, as the Ministry of Health is focusing on the growing danger of international pandemic, some of these more common health issues are becoming more of a problem especially since the government is insisting that schools remain open at this time.

La Escuelita continues to try to help with the common health problems like head lice and intestinal parasites. But the cost is rapidly increasing. Last year the medicine to treat every child for these problems cost \$658. This year the cost will be \$1060.

For La Escuelita to continue the quality of education and the level of service to the community that has been given in the past, we will need your continued help. THANK YOU

Donations Can Be Sent To

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c/o Beverly Kirkman

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Raleigh, NC 27612

Please earmark for "School" or
"Scholarship Fund"



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