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Dental Hygiene Students from Pennsylvania College of Technology and two volunteer Nicaraguan Dentists worked for a week to clean and check the teeth of every child in the school. The dentists filled and pulled for many hours each day, and came back again two weeks later to finish all the children. **Your** donations will make a semi-annual fluoride application possible.

Healthier teeth will make healthier kids thanks to these donations!

Let Me See Those Tonsils! No sore throats for this boy.



Again this year the school received a visit from a great group of Advanced Practice Nursing Students who gave a full physical exam to each child in the school. They also raised money for follow-up care for the illnesses they identified. But **Your** gifts are needed also to guarantee that every child receives the care he or she needs.

PSYCHIATRIC HELP 5 CENTS!

No, Charlie Brown, this is for real!



Psychological counseling is now offered the children at the school through donations from Yale School of Nursing health project and donors like **You.** Fabiola Reyes is a Nicaraguan psychologist who works closely with the teachers and parents during the year to confront the tremendous emotional problems that come with poverty and domestic violence.

A Brighter, Happier Place To Learn



A mural project was started and funded by a Nicaraguan volunteer who raised the money to paint murals on the walls of the three classrooms. Some US volunteers helped while visiting the school. (See photo next page)

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Volunteers prepare to turn a plain wall into a colorful learning experience.



All the other things that your gifts make possible are continuing:

- ➤ **Daily hot lunch** For many it is the only hot meal of the day.
- ➤ **Reader's Program** Learning to read is the essential to all education.
- ➤ **Library** Very small but very important in an area where there are very few books.
- ➤ Dreams to Reality Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to people who want to continue their education in high school and higher education but don't have the resources. Please go to www.LittleSchoolNicaragua.com and click on the Dreams to Reality Scholarship Fund to learn more about those who are on the waiting list.

COMING EVENTS!!

We are working to have a yearly delegation of US teachers bring materials, work with the teachers of La Escuelita, meet government officials who are beginning to focus on improving teacher education on a national level and learn about Nicaraguan education directly from young people. If you are interested, please contact Penn Garvin by phone 570-716-9828 or email penngarvin@hotmail.com

AND YOU CAN LEARN MORE

Keep up with the latest developments at the school through **facebook:LaEscuelitaNicaragua**

Please consider making a donation either by check or on paypal at

www.LittleSchoolNicaragua.com

YOU are an important part of La Escuelita - "where a little bit goes a long way to make a big difference in the lives of these children."

THANK YOU