

NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA

Dias De La Patria Are Coming

Nicaragua celebrates many "Independence Days." There is independence from Spain, the defeat of William Walker, and independence from the Somoza dictatorship. Two of these come right next to each other on September 14 and 15. And La Escuelita will join every other school in the country in celebrating.

Even though the school will be closed those days, neither the children nor the teachers get the chance to sleep late. Every part of the city has a parade and the students from every school participate.

Nicaraguans are very proud of their country's heritage, having fought their way out from under foreign influence many times, from the late 1700's to the 1990's. **Your** gifts to La Escuelita are a vital part of helping these children grow to take their place in this rapidly changing society.



Flag of Nicaragua

MAJOR GIVING PROJECT FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

La Escuelita is very glad to announce a very special fund raising project by the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Trinity (composed of 14 presbyteries in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.) Each year this dedicated group of women selects a mission project, and women from Presbyterian churches all over the two states contribute to that project for a year - often raising over \$25,000. We are very grateful that La Escuelita has been selected as that project for the June 2016 – June 2017 program year.

This project will assure that the construction at the school can be completed, and will also go toward the funds needed for materials and another teacher when the new classrooms are completed. We are very grateful to the Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Trinity. **THANK YOU!**

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DREAMS TO REALITY SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

GOOD NEWS



Leonardo Ubeda has been accepted into the university of his choice!

When Leonardo finished secondary school in November of last year, he was not at all sure that he would be able to continue. The National Autonomous University (UNAN) has a very stringent entrance exam. Leonardo earned a place in the evening classes, but he knew that by the time he finished his classes there would be no bus service and the cost of taxis was more than the scholarship fund could handle, so he did not start class in February.

But Leonardo wants to learn, and he doesn't give up easily. He continued to talk to the university and finally was awarded a spot in the Saturday classes. He began class in the second semester and started in August.

We are very proud of Leonardo, his ability, and his perseverance.

BAD NEWS

We are saddened to report that two of our scholarship students have been injured in traffic accidents this summer.

Ronald Ordoñez was riding on a motorcycle when it was hit by a truck. His elbow was crushed, necessitating bone grafts, a metal plate and a long hospitalization. He is now at home, but going to therapy every day, and may need further surgery.



Ronald



Yeris

Yeris Romero was also injured in a motorcycle accident recently. Like Ronald, the motorcycle on which he was riding was hit by another vehicle. Yeris's arm was broken, but did not suffer damage as severe as Ronald's. He also is now recuperating at home.

We speak with family members of these two students almost every week and continue to wish them both a complete and rapid recovery. We hope that they will return to classes soon, but riding the buses instead of motorcycles.

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THANK YOU**