

NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA – JUNE 2016

CALLING NURSES AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

*Where Else Can You Do your Work And
Enjoy A Beautiful New Country At The Same Time?*



For the past decade La Escuelita has had a medical and a dental program for the children at the school. In March of each year the school would become a medical clinic for one week and the next week it would be a dental clinic. Classrooms turned into clinic exam rooms, equipment and supplies were brought to the school, and all the children who attended La Escuelita received a complete medical exam one week and dental exam the next. Yale School of Nursing sent instructors and nursing students and Pennsylvania College of Technology Dental Hygiene Department sent an instructor and dental hygiene students to work with the children. In a country where both medical and dental care are hard to come by, these programs are very important.

After ten years with La Escuelita, the educational priorities of the Yale School of Nursing have shifted to other areas and rising costs for the hygiene students have made it impossible for the Pennsylvania College of Technology to continue their program of dental care to the children of La Escuelita

We are looking for a group of nurses and a group of dental hygienists who would like to come to Nicaragua to put their skills to work in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Managua. Are YOU part of a group from a school, a regional association, or one single nurse or dental hygienist who is willing to put together a group of colleagues for a week of travel and service to children like these in this photo?



If you think you might be interested, please contact Penn at penngarvin@hotmail.com or call 570-716-9828 and we can give you more details. Thank you.

GIVING TO THE SCHOOL

Donations can be made for La Escuelita at any time. Checks can be made out to CEPAD USA, marked for School, Construction, or Scholarship and sent to

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EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE AND REPAIRS

What's Done? What's Yet To Be Done?

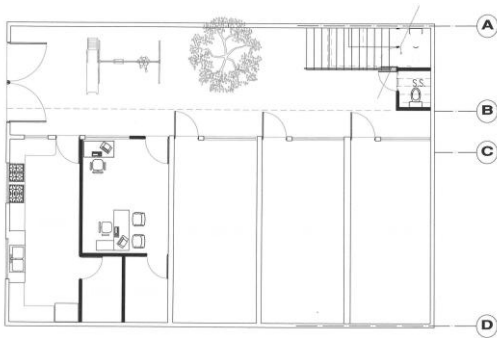


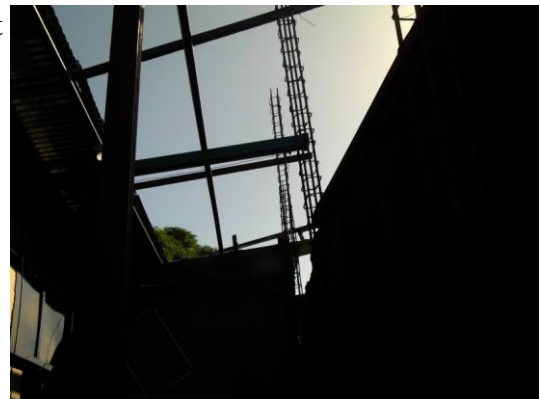
Illustration 1: Kitchen, Office and three Classrooms (First Floor)

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Earthquakes in 2014 and 2015 did serious damage to La Escuelita, limiting the educational program to only a small area of the entire building. During the 2015-2016 recess work was done to rebuild the first floor walls, not only to make the entire first floor usable again, but also to provide the strength to add a second floor in the future. The school is open again and ready to add on more in the coming year. Our thanks to all of you who have helped in this work.

However, there is more building to be done!

The first floor is ready, and has been rebuilt with sufficient strength to support another level. The structural steel work is started, the work is ready to go as soon as the school year ends in late November. The second level will have three new classrooms for first – third grade. The teachers know that children who attain a third grade reading level are much more likely to continue to read and educate themselves for a lifetime as compared with those who don't reach that level. We are all excited to see this new construction and this new phase in the work of La Escuelita.



May Activities



May is a month of celebrations in Nicaragua, and La Escuelita is no exception. Mid-May finds the school celebrating the National Day to Honor Teachers. Balloons, a Piñata, and (of course) food were there for children and teachers alike. Notice how one child helps care for another with her food.

Mother's Day is celebrated at the end of May. A special celebration invited all of the mothers to the La Escuelita to be honored by their children.



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