



Chacocente News

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CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT PROJECT CHACOCENTE

We have been blessed with a stable leadership staff for years and thanks to their devotion, many Nicaraguans now live in hope.

After several months of discussion and review of the advice of business consultants, the board of directors made the decision to eliminate the position of In-Country Director. This became effective in December of 2016. The five remaining leadership staff members are absorbing the responsibilities previously fulfilled by the In-Country Director. Chacocente Christian School is in the capable hands of Jacqueline Hernandez, School Director, and Karen Gomez, Sub-Director. Juan Carlos, as Family Coordinator, oversees the upkeep of the campus including construction projects, and addresses the needs of the Chacocente families and the surrounding neighborhood. Omar Hernandez will have an expanded administrative role but will maintain his work with delegations. Our Nicaraguan accountant will continue to monitor our finances and report back to us.

Since graduating, the families are now landowners and are nearly financially independent. While the focus of Chacocente is primarily centered on education, the goal is to help our neighbors living in the neighborhood that surrounds the Project. Many live in very poorly constructed homes and have limited access to water and health care. We ask for your continued support, both in prayer and financially, as we strive to offer a hand to those in need.

We are grateful to Gabriel Godinez for his years of faithful service and his assistance during the period of transition. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



The new year for the Chacocente Christian School has begun. With 145 preschool through high school students enrolled, we are ready for another great year of learning and discovering new things!

FEBRUARY AND MARCH DELEGATIONS

Teams from Asbury First UMC (Rochester, NY), Genesee Valley District (Western NY), San Dieguito UMC (Encinitas, CA), Troy Christian School (Troy, OH), and Valencia UMC (Valencia, CA) recently visited.

Their work included:

- Construction on the new chapel
- Construction of a new fence between the school gate and the main gate.
- Repainting the basketball court
- Painting the library
- Painting the kitchen
- Crafts for the kids



For the third year in a row, Dr. Belinda Forbes, a dentist and United Methodist missionary coordinated a small medical team to hold a 2-day medical and dental clinic. Patients included Chacocente residents as well as families from the school.

In total, the team had 91 medical consultations, and 33 dental consultations. Dr. Forbes shared that she is interested in having "ongoing conversation about how to best address health issues in the Santa Amalia community into the future."

We are grateful for Dr. Forbes and her team!



I GAVE MY SHOES TO DULCE

Nancy Davidow, Asbury First UMC

Her eyes smiled at me
and pierced my soul.
She pointed to her shoe,
coming apart at the seam;
then to mine she gazed;
and with her smile said, could
we make a trade?



Dulce and Nancy

Now as we leave Chacocente,
no shoes on my feet,
instead they grace a little girl, so sweet.
I gave my shoes to Dulce.

PROJECT CHACOCENTE WISH LIST

We are looking for some special gifts to make things at the Project run a little smoother. If you would like to donate to any of the following items, please make a check payable to Project Chacocente, clearly mark it for the item you would like to donate to, and mail your payment to:

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- Desktop computers for Juan Carlos & Omar, \$495 each
- Chairs for the new chapel, \$300
- Tractor Rental, \$300

ADVANCED EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

As the Chacocente children get older and near high school graduation, many of them are choosing to continue their education so that their future might continue to be full of hope. For more information about sponsoring either of these young ladies, please contact projectchacocente@gmail.com

student profile



Tatiana

age
14

grade
10th

Tatiana is a good student and works hard at her studies. Along with attending Chacocente Christian School, she hopes to attend English classes. She wants to earn a certificate in English that will help her get a job in the future. Tatiana is a hard worker and hopes to succeed in school and a career.

Sponsorship for English classes: \$60/month

student profile



Alinson

age
15

grade
11th

Alinson is a passionate math student. She loves the subject and excels in math class at Chacocente Christian School. She has even participated in math competitions against other schools! She hopes to attend computer classes on the weekend to help prepare her for a career in the subject that she loves.

Sponsorship for computer classes: \$20/month

Thank you for supporting Project Chacocente. Your prayers, donations, time, and work to share the story are making a difference, and we appreciate you! Your help is vital to continuing the work at Project Chacocente. Visit our website www.outofthedump.org for details about the various ways to sponsor and support the Project. Donations may be mailed to: Project Chacocente, PO Box 128, Lexington, MA 02420

YES! I want to become a sponsor

- ___ Child (\$30/month or \$360/year)
- ___ Classroom (\$700/month or \$8,500/year)
- ___ English Student (\$55/month or \$660/year)

YES! I want to support Project Chacocente

- ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ Other

YES! I want to support academic/athletic competitions

- ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ Other