



Chacocente News

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A LOOK BACK AT 2018

Despite the challenges of 2018, a lot was accomplished!

- Two new homes were built, one for Darling, a Chacocente family member, and one for Scarleth, a Chacocente Christian School teacher.
- A new kitchen was built behind the Big House for Manuela to prepare meals for delegations and events.
- Nine students earned their high school diplomas, eight at Chacocente and one at public school. One student found the coursework at Chacocente “too hard” and so decided to finish at public school. We are pleased that she graduated; we are also pleased that the Chacocente experience is challenging.
- Construction continued on the school chapel.
- Emergency food relief was distributed to Chacocente families and their neighbors during the months of unrest.
- Three students continued taking Advanced English at the University of Central America.
- Jimmy and Alinson, two recent Chacocente graduates, continued their college education.
- 126 patients were seen at the Medical/Dental Clinic in January.
- Five desktop computers were purchased for the Computer Lab (and funding for 5 more has just been pledged!)
- Our new dental initiative began, with 10 student and staff members receiving care from a local dentist.

CHACOCENTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

Salary Increase for Chacocente Christian School Teachers

Our teachers have time and again shown their devotion to their students and to this ministry. Many travel long distances to work, stay after hours when needed, clean their own classrooms and even feed the school’s pigs and chickens when called upon. During the unrest of 2018 and the resulting nationwide school closures, they developed creative teaching techniques using WhatsApp and email to stay in touch with students and to assign and monitor lessons. Our teachers routinely visit the homes of any students absent for two consecutive days.

In appreciation for all they do, in recognition of their excellence, and in accordance with our goal of retaining the best educators, the board of directors in January voted unanimously to increase each teacher’s salary nearly 15%, effective immediately. Employing 22 Nicaraguans and offering them a fair wage is an important part of this ministry.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGST



We are pleased to welcome Oswaldo Auricio Guevara to our staff. Oswaldo recently worked at Family Court in Masaya and has much experience with domestic issues. He will spend 8 consecutive days a month at Chacocente, working with students and their families, and

working with the teaching staff on team building and stress management .

NEW TEACHERS



Preschool: *Jéssica Vanessa Espinoza Porras*

9th Grade: *José Isaac Delgadillo Useda*

8th Grade: *Medardo Cristobal Gámez López*

English: *Aura Daniela Villacorta González*



GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Parents helped prepare the school campus for the first day of school. All parents are expected to take an active role in their children's education.

OUR FINANCIALS

We have posted on our website (outofthedump.org) our federal Form 990 for 2017; the 2018 Form 990 will be posted after it has been submitted, later this year. The "990" is the tax document that federally tax-exempt organizations, including charitable nonprofits, must file every year with the Internal Revenue Service.

For tax years 2016 and 2017 we also engaged an independent public accounting firm in Massachusetts, in which Project Chacocente USA was incorporated, to review the Forms 990 and financial statements of PCUSA, as required by the state of Massachusetts. A "review" is substantially narrower in scope than an audit, which is not mandated, but it nevertheless requires analysis, inquiries of and about organization leadership, and a comprehensive review of our financial data.

Our aim is, and will remain, total financial transparency. We encourage you to contact us with any questions!

HEYDI'S HEADING TO COLLEGE



A woman's earning potential will be up to 20% higher for every year of schooling she completes. (Facts & Statistics About World Poverty & Education; Children International). And it has been said, *If you educate a girl, you educate a family*; the blessing is paid forward through the generations.

Thanks to a generous donor who has sponsored her for several years, Heydi Chávez is following her dream of going to college. Graduating from Chacocente Christian School in December 2018, she has now started courses in Business Administration at the Hispanic American University in Masaya. Heydi is **our** third recent high school graduate that we now support in college. We hope to offer this opportunity to other, indeed, perhaps eventually to *all* our worthy graduates. We are grateful to our teachers, who have instilled a love of learning, and to our sponsors, who share in our hope and mission of enabling these young Nicaraguans to transcend poverty. Education is the key!

The cost of a college education in Nicaragua varies but averages \$100-\$200 monthly. If you are interested in sponsoring a student in college email projectchacocente@gmail.com.

SCHOOL WISH LIST

13 Teacher Desks	\$110/each
Locking File Cabinet	\$130
Tables & Chairs for Preschool	\$400
Furniture for Psychologist's Office	\$200
Anti-Parasitic Medicine	\$160

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