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Greetings,

As you may have read in our June newsletter, we have recently hired Roxana Juniet Silva Mercado to teach Spanish to the pre-school through Fifth Grade levels at Chacocente Christian School. We are delighted to welcome her to the Chacocente family! While the Board of Directors approved the position of a second English teacher two years ago, finding a person who speaks English fluently and with clear enunciation has been challenging. Not only does Roxana meet these standards, she also is energetic, humble, loves working with children and shares our mission of enabling Nicaraguans to improve their lives and the lives of their families and fellow citizens.

Roxana interned at Chacocente in February and March, working alongside our senior English instructor, Maribel. Her resume includes a certificate in Communicative English and a certificate in English for Call Centers at the Universidad Americana.

We believe that Roxana has the gifts and work ethic to greatly enhance our English program. Accordingly, we are doing something new that is entirely in keeping with our fundamental mission. Roxana will work full-time during the week, and on Saturdays she will attend the Nicaraguan University of Humanistic Studies in nearby Masaya, to become certified in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL). Project Chacocente will pay all her educational expenses and, pending full certification, also pay her a modified salary, including government-mandated benefits. She has essentially entered our well-established scholarship program (joining 10 other young “scholars”) but with the new wrinkle that she will immediately be a valued employee as well.

We hope to find a sponsor for Roxana! If you are interested in supporting her with \$40 monthly to cover her tuition and travel expenses, please email us at [projectchacocente@gmail.com](mailto:projectchacocente@gmail.com).

Blessings,

Robyn Gage  
Member, Board of Directors

*“I am a hardworking and enthusiastic person, and my goal is to get a job in which I do what I love to do, which is teaching and sharing my knowledge with others, keeping my dreams to be a better person every day of my life and readiness to support others. Have opportunities in my life to develop myself and to gain skills to give back to my community and my country in appreciation for the opportunities given to me, that’s what makes me happy.”*

*Roxana*