

*A life not lived for others is not worth living.* Mother Teresa of Calcutta

# Nicaraguan Christian Relief Ministries

## **WE NEED YOU**



From the streets of Managua, Nicaragua. I would like to share this with all parishioners and friends.

When I approached the children pictured here, they looked at me with these vacant stares, lost in the horizon. It made a terrible impression that in these early years of their lives there is no joy, nothing for them to smile about. My heart ached because I was unable to alleviate their taste of bitterness and suffering. I asked, "Why Lord, is there so much injustice in this world? So many rich have more than enough and yet so many more indigent people do not even have the basic necessities of life." I asked if maybe our roots of Christianity were gone. In our Lord's time and throughout 2000 years of tradition, Christians lived for each other, taking to heart the words of Jesus **"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."** How can Christians now follow that commandment and truly grow in the service of God and his people? My answer is to open our hearts to the needy that struggle to death to make a living.

Friends, we have to start recapturing our Christian heritage by not ignoring our brothers and sisters in Christ that are waiting for you help. **"WHATEVER YOU DO TO THE LEAST OF MY BROTHERS, YOU DO UNTO ME."** I thank God and all the sponsors that already support these children by paying for their school so that they may have a better life in the future.

These pictures give you a glimpse into the lives of the needy in Nicaragua. They have no hope and no opportunity and it passes down from one generation to the next. Without the help of others, they will grow to become adults, separated from society, without a spiritual or intellectual education, without morals and principles, lured into crime, drugs and gangs.

Mother Theresa of Avila once said "God plus one makes an army". Come on, one child at a time, let us build that army with God, so we can work together to change lives and ease the struggle and suffering of these children! Your financial support is needed badly as we try to make a difference with our mission.

## **GOD BLESS YOU SPONSORS!**

## **WE MADE IT THIS YEAR, TOO!**



With faith and prayers to our Lord, we registered 46 children in school this year. Ten of our sponsors dropped out at the beginning of the school year. Five of the children were seniors and it was very tough telling them they would not graduate. Through the mercy of God, however, two angels came to the rescue and paid for eleven scholarships!

Your love of God and His people have changed the lives and the **people** futures of these graduates. Nine of them are now attending different universities. All because of YOU! Jesus thanks you from the bottom of His Sacred Heart!



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**NEWS !** Sadly we had to say goodbye to three of our board members. Rev. Msgr. Desmond Daly, Annette Higgins, Directors and Paul Higgins, our accountant . Their work and support will be always greatly appreciate. The Good Lord bless us again with Rev. Fr. David Toups, Pastor of Christ the King Church and Jolyon Acosta our new Directors and Christine Acosta our new accountant.

**OUR CLOTHING DRIVE GREAT SUCCESS.** We want to say thank you to all people who brought their heart and support to help the needed people of Nicaragua. I hope you know you are working for God and His eople and thatyou will be rewarded a hundred fold. Please remember we are all year around at our site 4001 W Morrison Ave, Tampa, FL, 33629.

**EXTRA, EXTRA**  
Now plans are being made to have our **FUNDRAISING DINNER ON MARCH 5, 2011.** New Menu, exquisite Nicaraguan cuisine, auction items and lots of fun.

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### Our gratitude to special donors!

Our appretiation from the botton of our hearts to our special donors that with great love and joy are helping our mission to keep going. They are: **Mrs. Wanda Guluzian**, beautiful and special lady that with love and enthusiasm collects donatios from the community and drive her car to our storage, on a daily basis, full with the donations she have collected.

**Lt. James Tyner**, his wife and children, who collect donations of all kind at McDill Air force Base. With a hearted love and dedication, he has brought the colletions to our storage as a family affair for more than ten years.

**Mr. Dunn Eisenbrown**, Materials Manager at Shriners Hospital. He has been helping us, for many years, with a great desire to help others with all kind of hospital equipment, wheel chairs for special children, toys and more.

Thank again and a lot of gratitude to these dear people and pray to God for all kind of blessings to you and your families.



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Any or all donations will be most welcome to assist the Ministry. Donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE.** For information call:  
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**Donations for our SILENT AUCTION are being collected now. Please contact Fr. Dave Toups, Pastor, Christ the King Church, [frtoups@ctk-tampa.org](mailto:frtoups@ctk-tampa.org) or Jeffries (813) 229-8008 [djeffries@feejeffries.com](mailto:djeffries@feejeffries.com)**  
**Let us have a UNIQUE AUCTION with your Love and Support.**

### History of the Nicaraguan Christian Relief Ministries

. **1993** Amanda Valle Peters begins journey to Nicaragua to help needy . **1994** first Shipment 20' container filled with donated goods.**1995** Christ the King Church, Radio station Spirit FM90.5 and US Government become more involved. Begin shipping two containers a year. Amanda goes to Nicaragua to receive shipments and personally distribute goods. **1996** Hurricane Mitch strikes Nicaragua. Plight of poor and needy intensify. Amanda secures more assistance from Church, US Govt and community. Ships first 40' container. **1997** Ministry begins shipping three 40' trailers in March, July and Dec. Amanda distributes goods to remote locations personally. **1998&1999** Ministry begins helping Nicaragua in multiple ways. Assists in building house of seriously ill Nicaraguan Family, secures medical treatment in US for crippled nurse, etc. Four to six 40' containers now being shipped twice yearly. Office and storage trailer now adjacent to Christ the King. **2000** Deliberately-set fire destroys storage trailer. Media and indignant public come to aid of the Ministries. Four storage trailers donated. Over 245,000 pounds of clothes, household goods and essentials now being shipped yearly to poor and needy in Nicaragua. **2001** During one day in May, volunteers loaded the most donated goods in the history of the Ministry into five 40-foot containers for shipment to Nicaragua. Amanda Valle-Peters, President, journeyed to Nicaragua to receive and distribute the goods. **2002** Another banner year with two big loads shipped to individuals most in need. **2003** The Ministry brings ten 40' containers to Nicaragua and distributes to the most vulnerable groups: children, elderly and poorest of the poor. **2004** This year we were blessed with some special donors who donated three 40' containers. This time poor churches, schools and hospitals were helped. **2005** No shipment was made because of the tsunami in Asia, Pakistan earthquake, and other disasters around the country. USA Department of State stopped humanitarian help to other countries to take care of these victims. **2006** Eight 40' containers shipped to Nicaragua with the help of Rev. Pastor Wesley Mettey, founder of Mathew 25. Amanda went to Nicaragua and personally distributed donations. **2007** Six containers shipped through USA Department of State program. More than 4000 families living in the countryside were favored with baby's formula and others donations. Through our **oCfqr v' e' E jkfo'** program there are **39** children attending to Catholic school. **2008** Only Four 40' containers we were able to ship this year. Donations are very slow. We have now **49** children in our **oCfqr v' e' E jkfo'** program. **2009** Bad economy hurt our "Adopt a Child" program" . Only **40** children attending school. Help these children attend school to have a better future! **2010.** Happy to inform, **46** children attended to school this year. Also me sent to Nicaragua five 40" containers with all kind of donations for needy people.