



Newsletter for Nicoya Friends Christian Mission
April 2010 – July 2010

The mission of Nicoya & Friends is to continue to support the Center for sexually abused children and victims of human trafficking in Nicaragua

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD, ALL YE LANDS. SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS: COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING. KNOW YE THAT THE LORD HE IS GOD: IT IS HE THAT HATH MADE US, AND NOT WE OURSELVES; WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS PASTURE. ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE: BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM, AND BLESS HIS NAME. FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND HIS TRUTH ENDURED TO ALL GENERATIONS. *Psalms [100.1-5](#)*

In the past couple months we have been able to help many girls in our Center. With a mixture of sadness and joy, a few of our girls have been adopted by one of their family members. The government has set up a program called "AMOR" where a child's family members are sought out to adopt them. We ask you to keep these girls in your prayers as they settle into their new families.

Our girls continue to make great strides to achieve personal goals with our help. One of the most amazing stories was the one where Monica (not her real name) full filled her goals learning to bake a cake, pizza, and other foods. It is with great pride that we report she has met that goal. She was so happy and celebrated her achievement. Monica expressed that she could not believe the support she had and how much care she received. The blessing we experienced was beyond measure to hear her say how happy she felt.

In May, we were so blessed to be part of the recovery of our youngest human trafficking victim.. Ana, (not her real name), is 10 years old and is from Nicaragua. Her story started when her grandmother suddenly passed away. Her father came to claim her and took her away from her grandmother's house. Her father moved them around and tragically, when she arrived at the shelter, we learned that she had been sexually abused, at such an early age. Unbelievably her own father would trade her to a man for a bicycle. This man would give her to a woman who used her for child labor. Ana was sent out each day to steal for the woman. This woman told Ana that she would not receive food unless she complied.

Ana truly is a beautiful little girl with so much love in her heart for God. She is such a loving child, that everyone at the shelter has fallen in love with her. She deals with a lot of fear and anger toward her father but through love, compassion and counseling, she is learning to express herself and talk about what happened to her and about the loss of her grandmother, who raised her since she was a baby.

I wish I could say that Ana's story is unique. Sadly there are so many children in Nicaragua that need help. We cannot do this without partners just like you. Partners, not only willing to give financially but agree to pray for the shelter. A child's needs are many and the support that you can help us with can continue to provide food, medication, care, education, etc. Each day we try to show each of these girls that God's love will prevail. We ask you to pray for our victims, for continued financial support. Through your support and partnership we continue to pay for electricity, water, school tuitions, material, uniforms, and 24 hour staff that provide comfort and stability for all our residents who have been through so much trauma.

We extend our appreciation, once again to Free for Life International for their continued financial support toward security for the shelter. The security for the shelter is extremely important. Traffickers see these girls as commodities and they continue to look for victims even after they are rescued and placed in our shelter. In some cases traffickers relentlessly continue looking for the girls until they find them and attempt to take them back by force to be sold again. So you can see why Security is a MUST.

I would like to share a small paragraph from the 2010 annual report by Hilary Clinton, which reads:

"Countries that once denied the existence of human trafficking now work to identify victims and help them overcome the trauma of modern slavery, as well as hold responsible those who enslave others. Although progress has undoubtedly been made against this global phenomenon, there is more work to do. This annual assessment is an opportunity to diagnose the world's efforts to implement the "3P" paradigm of prevention, protection, and prosecution. Based on lessons learned, we must work together with civil society, the corporate sector, and across governments through the "fourth P" – partnership – toward a world in which every man, woman, and child is safe from the hands of traffickers and can realize their God-given potential."

You can read more about this report by searching for the letter from Hilary Clinton in the 2010 TIP report on human trafficking.

Thank you to Free for Life International for sponsoring the Folkloric dancing lessons for our girls. www.freeforlifeintl.org



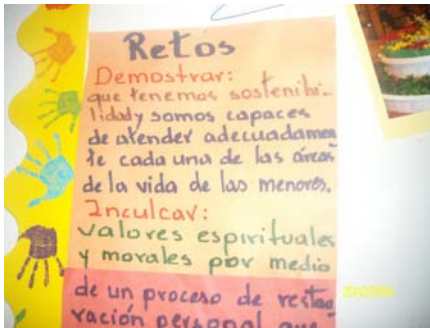
July 28, we welcomed The Latinoamericano High School to our Center on their second annual visit to our center. The students from the 11th grade class had saved money throughout the year in two piggy banks in their classroom. When they visited our center they broke both piggy banks and were so proud to donate the \$68.33 they had raised. They also brought food, medicine and clothing. We want to thank Mrs. Maria Estela Nunez, for putting this project together at her High School.



A cake was made by “Latinoamericano”, a high school in Managua.



Our residents created the pictures below. They placed drawings, information about education and goals they set.



Here they celebrate the annual “Children’s Day” in Nicaragua.



Thank you as well to Pastor Jason Taylor with Faith Assembly of God Church in Houston, Texas, for the support we receive on a monthly basis, which allows us to provide clean water, light, and propane gas used to cook the meals for our girls.



Mr. Mauricio Aranda, representative of Unopetrol (Shell), visited the shelter and was pleased with the progress that our girls have made. Join us in prayer for continued support from Unopetrol next year. A cake was baked by our very own residents to present to the representative.



Unopetrol financially supports the sewing and computer classes.



Mother's Day celebration.



Masiel Lopez (Houston board member) spends time in our Center this summer.



Finally, we are so grateful for the wonderful psychologist that is now able to work full- time as a result of the support by Free for Life International. We all have been blessed by the dedication and hard work of the wonderful team in Nashville, Tennessee. Thank you to all of you!

In Nicaragua, our President Sandra Hudgins, along with our Director, Vida Alvear and our staff support work very hard, day and night, to oversee the care, safety, education and future of each precious girl in our center “Manos de Niños” (Nicoya & Friends). Please continue to pray for the entire team as they continue the wonderful work that they are doing in Nicaragua.

Nicoya & Friends Christian Mission, like many organizations, experiences challenges every day. As we continue to reach financial goals to maintain the shelter, many wonderful people step out of their comfort zones and get involved to be part of our mission. Our goal at Nicoya and Friends is to continue to help and serve the girls that have been entrusted to us to care for. We are so blessed to have so many volunteers, in the past, that have helped support all of our fundraising efforts. If any of you would like to be part of our mission and have any ideas to share for fundraising, we would be honored to hear from you.

Visit our webpage at www.nicoyafriendsmission.org or you may write me at nicoyafriends@yahoo.com

If you would like to send a donation, please mail it to:

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I am the founder of this mission but I need all of you to know that this is God's mission, which He chose me to run. I am honored to serve on this mission along with my board members here in Houston, Texas. We all work with one goal in mind and that is to be able to give each human trafficking victim we receive in our center a chance of a good Christian and productive life, with the help of The All Mighty, Our God.

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President / Founder