



NEWS from Managua

It isn't possible to write a newsletter this month without referring to the current crisis in Nicaragua. By now, many of you will have heard of the agonizing struggle the country is currently going through. It is a struggle that began on April 18th and, as of yesterday's news, has escalated to an unprecedented level of violence. We are writing from here in Nova Scotia because we decided a few weeks ago that we needed to leave the country temporarily. The Pathway program continues to serve the kids and their families in spite of the continuing political unrest. Despite the tense atmosphere and increasingly dangerous situations that permeate the city at this time, our staff is doing a stellar job, working very hard to adjust to the new reality and maintain a stable routine as much as possible. At Loyola, where the majority of our children go to school, schooling is now conducted online except for one day a week when they attend classes. We are grateful that our kids are in private school and that their formal education is able to continue in this way. With few exceptions, our Children's Center has remained open every day for any and all children who are able to get there. They come for tutoring, for a quiet place to study, for something to eat, for someone to talk to. We are in daily contact with our staff. Last week we held a staff meeting via Skype and it was wonderfully reassuring to see and talk to everyone. About 16 of our families are now in need of staple food items and we are working to meet that need. Our Nicaraguan program director, Arlen Bolaños, wrote yesterday, "There is a great deal of pain and fear but, above all, faith that God will help us. We, as staff, will do everything possible to move forward with this scholarship program which we consider to be a life opportunity for each recipient, and for each of us personally, because we love what we do and each one of us who works here feels like we are part of one big family." Please pray that a peaceful resolution will soon be found and that Nicaragua will return to the peaceful and beautiful country we have all come to love.

Sincerely,
Barbara & Ed Dunsworth

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A great big THANK YOU is extended to all who continue to support Pathway to Progress Nicaragua (P2P); here is an update!

Bluenose Charity Challenge 2018

Challenge ends June 18th!!

THANK YOU to our incredible fundraising team for the Charity Challenge of the Scotiabank Bluenose Marathon. Today we are at 99% of our team goal of \$21,000 which will provide sponsorship to ten children in the upcoming school year. There are still a few days left to donate to the Bluenose so if you would like to see the team topple over the goal please make a small donation. To help those kids in Managua who need our assistance more than ever right now click on this link: [Support P2P Today!](#)



Have a safe and happy summer and we will keep you updated on our program!

Our Mission: *Pathway to Progress Nicaragua is dedicated to supporting an innovative program in Nicaragua that provides educational opportunities for Nicaragua's most vulnerable sector: children and youth living in poverty.*

We welcome all donations which can be made through our website www.p2pnicaragua.org or cheques can be mailed directly to: Pathway to Progress Nicaragua,
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