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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your many gifts in 2007. You will find enclosed a slip tallying your generous gifts to the Jubilee House Community, Inc.'s, Center for Development in Central America project. Please review it for accuracy (we are only human ☺); use it for your taxes; and mostly see how you have helped this important work.

We are grateful for you and many, many folk like you, who help continue the work here. 2007 was a year that saw many new projects and successes...of course not all we had hoped to accomplish. Here is how you have helped:

- The **coffee and cotton crop survived Hurricane Felix (Sept.) and then 55 straight days of rain**. The coffee cooperative's bean crop survived as well; unfortunately throughout the country, food crops did not and food prices have sky rocketed.
- The **first organic cotton crop** seems to be a success...we are in the process of getting the cotton ginned and baled as we look for another buyer.
- The Women's Sewing Cooperative (**Fair Trade Zone**) is now working almost completely independently. They have hired English speakers, office managers, extended their office, and most importantly kept themselves in business.
- **The Spinning Plant (Genesis) has begun**.
- They participated in a **40-day workshop** in organizational development. They have also participated in many workshops on operating as a cooperative, business management, and obtaining legal status.
- Money to actually get the **building going has been tough** to obtain, though we do have architectural plans.
- The Organic Crops cooperative **shipped 8 containers of organic crops (sesame, coffee, etc.)**.
- **Our loan funds** supported individuals, small businesses, a coffee cooperative, and the new cotton project.
- We have opened almost **1,200 charts on new patients in the clinic** in Nueva Vida.
- We have done just a little over **2,500 lab tests**.
- We have **treated over 14,947 medical problems both chronic and acute**.
- We have offered **full-day health care 5 days a week, and a half-day on Saturday**. We continue the services of a **volunteer orthopedist** to help with arthritic and back pain two mornings per week.
- We hosted **11 delegations**. Many had medical folks: **12 care-givers, 3 dentists, 2 vets, and one optometrist**. One delegation consisted of **nurses** who came one week seeing patients, learning, and educating re chronic problems.
- We gave **glasses** out to about 450 patients
- We opened **the dental clinic and dedicated it!** Since the end of July about 300 patients have received about **550 procedures**.
- We hosted more than **15 individual volunteers** (stays ranging from 1 week to 1 year...average being 6 months).
- We rejuvenated the medicinal herbal garden with **two volunteer herbalists** and they created an informational guide in English and Spanish.
- We spoke about our work in the U.S. in **13 states, for a total of 102 engagements**, spreading the news and selling local crafts.
- We averaged **more than one group per week** who come from other organizations, to listen and see our projects in Nicaragua.
- We almost completed the **second floor of the International Training Center** and made other physical improvements around the center and clinic.
- We continued a **bio-diesel project!** All but two of our vehicles are running on bio-diesel.
- We started the process of getting the clinic steady power and new filing units. With Engineers Without Borders we got a back-up system for water for the clinic.
- With other engineers we started the long process of getting water to a coffee cooperative and a refugee settlement.
- We now have 11,000 entries on our mailing list, and **29% receive our quarterly newsletter electronically**, saving trees! The number of donors who gave online (either singly or as regular monthly bank drafts) **increased 1,327%** and **31% of our cash donations** come from folk receiving the newsletter electronically.

If you want more information, please ask us for our 2007 year-end booklet and we will send it to you. We hope you will see how much you have helped and feel good about your contribution, because without you this would not have happened. Thanking you so much...

For the Community,

Kathleen Murdock