

Fall Newsletter

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The Power of Together

El Porvenir has been working side by side with rural Nicaraguan communities for 27 years. More than 165,000 individuals have improved their standard of living through comprehensive water projects, improved sanitation, health education, and watershed management. Today, El Porvenir continues to be a leading non-profit in Nicaragua because of vital partnerships with donors like you and with organizations like Just A Drop and One Day's Wages.



This year, **Just a Drop** USA goodwill ambassador, Derrek Warburton, joined the community of Alemendro to inaugurate their new water system. In partnership with Just a Drop, the community, and El Porvenir, the families of Alemendro now have safe, clean drinking water.



On June 17th, our partners at **One Day's Wages'** celebrated our work together through this Facebook post: **"We're excited to send off a grant this week to our partner El Porvenir. Thanks to all who gave! Cheers to clean water in Nicaragua."**

Through One Day's Wage's matching grant program, El Porvenir received \$41,538. Together, One Day's Wages, El Porvenir, and many generous donors have made it possible to achieve universal water and sanitation coverage in Guacimos Salale this year. Thank you to Providence United Methodist Church in Tennessee, Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian in Florida, and to all who participated with a meaningful matching donation. The power of together has a huge impact when people from different parts of the world, different communities, and different organizations stand by our partner communities as they work hard to ensure a bright future for generations to come.

Travel Responsibly

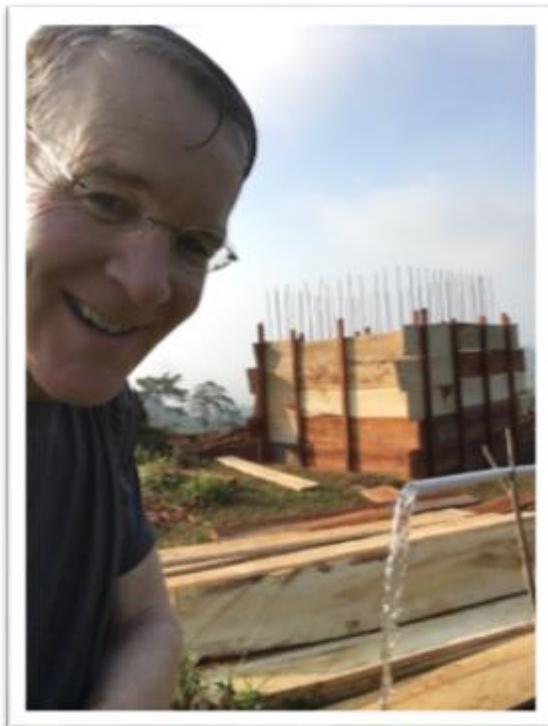
In 2017, more than 200 volunteers will participate in our work trip program. Our trips are a unique opportunity to travel responsibly by working alongside local Nicaraguans on sustainable community development. Bert Sandell reports on his recent trip to our newest region of Waslala.

"I returned in early May from my second work trip to Nicaragua with El Porvenir. My two hardy friends and I worked on a water project in a small mountain community named Kaskita in Waslala. The goal of the project was to provide clean dependable water for 90 households. Our specific objective was to help with the funding and with the construction of an approximately 2,300 gallon concrete distribution tank.

El Porvenir is very experienced at arranging safe and meaningful work trips. They provided a driver, a cook/scheduler and a translator. We stayed in the highland house of the one of the leaders of Kaskita. The food was on time and excellent. The driver was professional and courteous, and the translator was invaluable. He not only helped with the difficult accent, but he provided cultural and contextual information. In the evenings, we talked and sang, making for a truly unique experience. For many of the villagers, we were the first gringos they had ever met.

It is without hesitation that I recommend working and traveling with El Porvenir!"

Bert Sandell | Engineer



Here is the framed tank in the background and the water flowing from the spring catchment system.



BIRDING IN NICARAGUA

Wednesday, Feb 28 through Tuesday, March 6, 2017

Experience the stunning natural beauty of Nicaragua, and see an astonishing array of birds and wildlife. Visit natural reserves in volcanic crater lakes, tropical rivers and mountain cloud forests. Local experts will guide bird walks every day. Visit Elporvenir.org for more details. **Join us!**



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Set it. Don't forget it.

Become a monthly donor and make a meaningful impact on the lives of rural Nicaraguans. Set up your monthly recurring donation at Coloradogives.org/elporvenir. Monthly donations make our work possible. Never forget to give again!

To set up a monthly gift through monthly automatic bank transfers please contact silvia@elporvenir.org or call 303.861.1499.

Upcoming events

- Denver, CO Sept 10th | Friends of El Porvenir 16th Annual Dinner
- Portland, OR Sept 14th | A Night at Milagro Theatre. El Porvenir presents El Payaso. This play invites the audience to learn the story of Ben Linder.



HELP US MEET OUR CHALLENGE. MAKE A DONATION TODAY AND BECOME INVOLVED IN A WAY THAT BEST FITS YOU AND YOUR SCHEDULE. USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED OR MAKE A DONATION ONLINE AT WWW.ELPORVENIR.ORG

We are so thankful for the many ways you've shown your support in 2017. Lives have been changed and more Nicaraguan communities have had the opportunity to improve their standard of living through comprehensive water projects. Thank you!

Will you help us reach even farther during our matching challenge? Year after year your generosity has helped us exceed our goal. Once again, we need your help to raise funds that allow us to partner with rural Nicaraguans on life changing projects.

Our Challenge. Their Future.

El Porvenir donors believe so strongly that everyone deserves clean water that they are increasing the challenge this year: **If we can raise \$100,000 between August 1 and September 30, then they will match it. Dollar for dollar.**

Will you help us achieve our goal with a meaningful gift of any amount? Your donation will be matched to double the impact of your gift. \$100 becomes \$200, \$500 becomes \$1,000. So, don't hesitate, make your gift today!

If you are interested in hosting a dinner event, house concert, or want to encourage your faith community or Rotary Club to collect funds for El Porvenir during the challenge, we're here to help.

Contact April@elporvenir.org.

I'm up for the challenge! How can I get involved?

- **Follow us** on Facebook, twitter, and Instagram. Share the challenge through social media.
- **Attend or host** an event during the challenge.
- **Create a Facebook campaign.** Celebrate your birthday or anniversary in a meaningful way by creating your own El Porvenir Facebook campaign to raise funds for EP.
- **Give** a tax-deductible donation online.
- **Become a monthly donor.**