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### FRONTLINE WORKERS: \$100K MATCHING CHALLENGE

From August 1-September 30, donations up to \$100,000 will be DOUBLED by generous donors!

Our amazing staff are working on the front lines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Nicaragua. Throughout the Challenge, we'll share via email and social media about our staff members: what motivates them and challenges they face while developing projects. Two of those stories are included on the next page: check them out! And follow us on social media for all the latest news.

Are you up for the Challenge? Here's how you can get involved:

- Join our **Virtual Fiesta** on Thursday, **September 17** at 8 PM ET/7 PM CT/6 PM MT/5 PM PT. Remember variety shows from way back when? This'll be like that but better as the event showcases El Porvenir staff, projects, supporters, and entertainment. Maybe you can't travel to Nicaragua right now, but we can bring Nicaragua to you! More info: elporvenir.org/fiesta
- Participate in our first-ever virtual **Walk for Water September 1-7**: walk, run, bike, or paddle for water, so others don't have to! Register by August 17 to get your t-shirt in time for the walk. More info: elporvenir.org/walk
- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn and share the Challenge through social media.
- Host a masked, socially distant watch party for the Virtual Fiesta.
- Tell your own story by creating your own fundraising page! Visit us at elporvenir.org/100k-challenge and click on the link "creating your own fundraising page."
- If you are an August or September baby, you can celebrate your birthday in a meaningful way by raising money through your own Facebook campaign. Contact us if you need help doing this.
- Make a one-time donation today by using the enclosed envelope or online at elporvenir.org/donate.
- Sign up to be a monthly donor at elporvenir.org/donate

Martha Oneida Hernández: El Sauce Regional Coordinator Martha Oneida Hernández is pure Nicaraguan. Her favorite Nicaraguan food is gallo pinto and cheese. She loves to drink coffee, dance, and sing, though she says she can't even carry a tune in a bucket.

Oneida has been working for El Porvenir for 19 years. She has a degree in business administration as well as in teaching and social development. Oneida is enterprising, disciplined, and responsible. A single mother of 5 children, she is motivated by her family and by being surrounded by happy, humble, hardworking people.

"El Porvenir has changed my life; I have had the opportunity to meet many kind people. I can say that only those who have lived this experience can know what the situation is really like for the rural poor," Hernández expresses. Oneida loves her work. "I love to share moments with each of the members of the community; we learn, share, and listen to people's doubts, needs, problems, everything. If I can help them with something, I do it without hesitating," she says.

#### **Denis Taleno: Waslala Water Promoter**

Denis Taleno (with thumbs up in the photo) is 45 years old and married with 3 children. He's a hydraulic engineer, and El Porvenir's water promoter in Waslala. Co-workers describe him as positive, punctual, and responsible.

Some of his best memories are from his childhood playing in the neighborhood where he grew up and went to school. As a child he was always called by his last name "Taleno." When he enlisted in the Nicaraguan Army, they kept calling him by his last name. too.

Taleno's children, friends, and work motivate him every day. He loves to eat nacatamales and drink pinolillo, "like all Nicaraguans," he says—and he also loves baseball.

Working at El Porvenir has helped him gain "a lot of experience in the field." This includes managing projects, organizing projects with community leaders and, above all, learning to listen to community leaders. One of the most difficult things he has had to face in Waslala are the bad roads, especially in the rainy season when he brings construction materials to the communities.

"One of the best experiences I have had in my field work was in the community of Ocote; I had an accident and the community treated me like one of their own, like family," he concludes. "Since then, I do every project with more heart."







# **30 Years of Progress**









From streams to community wells to electric pump water systems with a potable water tap at each home! The type of water project depends on community size and water flow.









From DIY frame to pre-fab frame, from single pit to double pit, and with options of latrines and pour flush toilets, our sanitation program has grown and evolved.









Vented, fuel-efficient stoves pipe out the smoke and use less firewood.

From streams to covered washing and bathing areas with clean water that are close to home and safer to use.









As our projects have evolved so has Nicaragua. You still find dirt and muddy roads but there are more paved roads, too. All of our work is guided by the SDGs, working toward equitable water and sanitation for all by 2030.



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## Join us for a Virtual Fiesta!

Thursday, September 17

8 PM ET/7 PM CT/6 PM MT/5 PM PT

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Please join us for El Porvenir's first-ever virtual gathering

of supporters across the globe.

Learn more at elporvenir.org/fiesta

### Walk for Water so Others Don't Have To

Walk for Water to support clean water in rural Nicaragua! When you join this walk, you are walking so women and children in Nicaragua don't have to.

When: September 1- September 7 Where: Anywhere!

What: Your choice: walk, run, bike, or paddle!

You choose the distance:

- 3.7 miles: the average distance women and children in the developing world walk to collect water each day
- 7.4 miles: 2 days of solidarity with women and children in the developing world
- 30 miles: celebrate El Porvenir's 30th anniversary!

More info: elporvenir.org/walk

