Dear Friends and Family,

We’re excited to announce that El Porvenir’s annual $100,000 Challenge started August 1!

Generous donors have pledged to match up to $100K of all donations from August 1-September 30. By making a donation over the next two months, your contribution will be doubled thanks to the greathearted support of people who believe in clean water and basic sanitation for the citizens of rural Nicaragua.

During this global pandemic, it is more important than ever for us to do what we do best: building water and sanitation infrastructure and teaching people how to protect themselves from illnesses, the coronavirus included.

Since last year’s $100k Challenge, we have distributed thousands of mini hand-washing stations to homes, schools, and healthcare centers so that 20,000+ people can adequately wash their hands. We have distributed soap, hand sanitizer, and masks to frontline workers and healthcare staff.

Additionally, we share COVID-19 prevention information via TV and radio PSAs, strategically placed stickers, posters, road signs; and circulating trucks with loudspeakers.

While facing the pandemic head-on, El Porvenir continues our watershed restoration and reforestation initiatives and promotes much-needed food and water security during these uncertain times.

During the 2021 $100k Challenge, we will be sharing stories of our successes in Nicaragua—successes resulting from last year’s $100k Challenge and the support of people like you. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to read these stories and follow along with our Blog which can be found on our website (elporvenir.org).

Your gift will be doubled from August 1-September 30, thanks to generous donors who will match up to $100,000 in donations! Make your donation today using the enclosed envelope or online at elporvenir.org.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity and commitment to Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan people. With your continued support, we are saving and changing lives.

Sincerely,

Rob Bell
Executive Director
El Porvenir

Join El Porvenir’s Walk for Water to support clean water, sanitation, health & hygiene education, and reforestation in rural Nicaragua. When you walk the Walk, you are walking so women and children in Nicaragua don’t have to.

When: Sat., Sept. 4, through Tues., Sept. 14, 2021
Where: Anywhere! Everywhere!
Up to you!!!

What: Walk, run, bike, hike, swim, and/or paddle 3.7 miles. The choice is yours!
elporvenir.org/walk

And don’t forget to order a t-shirt to show your support!

Have you visited the NEW El Porvenir website? Check it out! elporvenir.org
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In February 2003, Jackie Whitmore went to Nicaragua on her first El Porvenir work trip with her husband, Dick, and four other friends. The rest, as they say, is history.

Jackie’s experience while working in Las Rochas and La Esperanza that winter began a relationship that continues to this day. In celebration of her over 15 years of volunteering, El Porvenir proudly announces that a school handwashing station at the Sabana Verde School, benefiting 120 children, has been dedicated in her honor. A majority of the funding came from longtime El Porvenir supporters Fred and Joy Cooper.

Jackie has not only supported El Porvenir with her hands-on labor with eight work trips, but she has also contributed financially as well. With the help of volunteers, Jackie has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support projects in rural Nicaragua by hosting multiple Friends of El Porvenir Beans and Rice Dinners in her hometown of Bellingham, Washington.

“Jackie has given so much of her time and talent to support the people of Nicaragua whom she cares deeply about,” says El Porvenir’s Director of U.S. Operations Jenna Saldán. “In particular, she cares about the future of the children there, and that’s why this school handwashing station is dedicated to her.”

Besides the work trips and fundraising, Jackie has gone above and beyond in her support of El Porvenir. She organized board meetings during the time her husband served on the El Porvenir Board of Directors, and she has also been quite supportive of the El Porvenir financial team, training U.S. bookkeepers since 2007.

“She’s not only a caring, committed volunteer,” shares El Porvenir’s Volunteer Coordinator Jo Buescher. “Jackie’s organized, energetic, and ready to take on the biggest projects with a smile.”

In their own words: Bringing water home

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“Water at our homes is important so we don’t suffer hauling water long distances or consume contaminated water. Water is life and health. I have lived here 20 years; we had been consuming well water, and we did not know if it was good or not. We thank God and the donors for helping us to have water in our houses—above all because it is safe water.” — Sayda Eugarrios

“Thank God this drinking water project is happening because we are no longer going to be drinking contaminated water. We thank God first, then the donors, the community, and El Porvenir for supporting us in these projects that are very important for our people.” — José Santos Murillo Valverde