Shipment of Hope
How your support gave 96 times the hope to Nicaragua

Two hours northeast of the capital of Nicaragua lies the small but prominent city of Boaco. It’s known as “Ciudad de Dos Pisos” (The Two-Story City), due to its never-ending hills and inclines. The city itself houses approximately 19,000 people. The Boaco Regional Hospital sits on the outskirts of the city and does its best to serve the needs of Boaco and the surrounding region.

But as the unrest in Nicaragua continues to grow, so do the shortages in medical supplies. In this city that serves a population of greater than 57,000 people, more and more men, women and children are going without essential medical care.

This is where Esperança and friends like you stepped in to give them hope. Continued on page 2
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This July, Esperança staff and volunteers packed a 40-foot container with $1.1 million worth of medical supplies and equipment. Anesthesia machines, wheelchairs, EKG machines, and hundreds of boxes of medical supplies were packed into every square inch before it shipped out.

The cost to ship the container from our office in Phoenix to port in Nicaragua was $11,500. When you consider that $11,500 provided an ADVODEC staff Dr. Morales, Luis Lanzo, RN and the Boaco Hospital Administrator receive one of the boxes filled with much needed medical supplies.

After a 6-week journey, the shipment of $1.1 million worth of medical supplies and equipment arrived in Nicaragua for the Boaco Regional Hospital.

hospitals like Boaco Regional with $1.1 million worth of medical supplies – that means every dollar you gave provided $96 worth of hope!

Thanks to our partner hospitals, clinics, and of course, you, the Boaco Regional Hospital received more than one hundred boxes of critically needed medical and surgical supplies.

All of this was possible because you cared. Thank you for the support that provides hope in such a major way!
One Can Make a Difference!

With all the hopelessness in the world, it's easy to wonder "What can one person really do?" New friend of Esperança, Joe Kemper, will tell you – quite a lot!

Last year he joined us on a site visit to see the life-changing hope Esperança provides first-hand. The experience was so moving he decided to generously support five different communities.

Esperança helped small scale farmers in Zapote Oriental, Nicaragua form a farming cooperative several years back, but the co-op couldn’t find the funding for a proper storage facility for their seeds and crops. With Mr. Kemper’s help, 8 silos have been distributed to farmers who have used them to collect 7,000 pounds of beans!

The Valle Esperança Women’s Co-op Hog Farm was built in Nicaragua in 2016, thanks to our faithful donors. This co-op empowers women in the community to raise hogs and use the profits to support their families.

Starting with a few hogs, the co-op became so successful that more stalls and feeding troughs were needed! Mr. Kemper again gave a generous gift and soon the farm will be able to house an additional 80 pigs, as well as provide a space for preparing and storing their feed.

San Isidro is a small, rural community in Nicaragua consisting of 47 families. Unfortunately, the community has struggled with access to potable water since its inception.

A few years ago, Esperança helped remedy the situation, but only temporarily. The gravity-fed water system didn’t produce enough pressure to deliver water to the families that lived uphill. Therefore, half of the families were still struggling to receive water on a regular basis!

Thankfully, Joe Kemper stepped up yet again and provided the funds to help establish reliable water access for the 23 families that lacked it. The water system was completed earlier this summer and is powered by solar panels that will pump water to all homes equally.

The water systems Mr. Kemper funded in the communities of Las Rinconadas and La Perlita will be finished later this fall, and will serve 92 and 107 families, respectively. In total, 222 families will have access to clean water, thanks to his generosity.

On behalf of all of us at Esperança, we want to give Mr. Kemper a huge thank you for all he has done to help us bring hope to the men, women, and children we serve!
Positive Growth
How your support is bearing fruit in Bolivia

Diced, whole or bite-sized, any way you slice them, veggies are delicious. But for the Mendoza family – they are a way of life. It’s how Marisol and Julian of San Mateo, Bolivia keep their family of three fed.

And you help make it happen.

This hard-working family is a part of Esperança’s Family Farming Microenterprise Project that assists families with running and maintaining a successful farm.

Through your support, Esperança helps families learn how to grow beyond providing for the needs of their own home – by making the most of their allotted space and teaching them new production alternatives.

We also assist families with positioning in the market as the best vegetable producers by observing and imitating the practices of other professional growers.

“Through the project, I had the opportunity to be a part of the technical exchange trip with Argentinian producers last May,” says Marisol.

Before joining the project, Marisol and her family produced local crops like lettuce and chard. Today, through the Family Farming Project, she has learned how to grow more exotic vegetables like artichokes, which fetch a higher price at market.

“For us small producers who live off agriculture, it’s very important to have support from Esperança, by empowering us to improve our quality of life, through example and guidance,” says Marisol with a smile. “Because of it, our children will have better life opportunities!”

Esperança is helping Marisol and her husband, Julian, as well as other families in Bolivia produce more and better crops, which not only feed their families, but provide a much needed income.

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