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Can you believe that it's almost Thanksgiving? With the 24-hour news cycle constantly reminding us about all the woes of the world it is easy to forget how much we have to be thankful for. We should be thankful to live in homes with lights that turn on with the flick of a switch, indoor plumbing, climate control, and ways to prepare and store our food. Thanks to your support over the past 8 years, there are people and communities around the developing world who also have things to be thankful for. They have found innovative ways to tweak the status quo to add nutritious food to their diets, to bring clean water sources closer to their homes, to send their children to school, to improve healthcare outcomes, and to add to their families' incomes. Little changes can begin the cycle of prosperity and we are constantly in awe of the passion and perseverance of the people and organizations who have used our Foundation's grant dollars to be the catalysts for change.

This is the time to not only be thankful for what we have, but also when as a society we are reminded to remember those who aren't so fortunate. We hope that as you plan for the upcoming holidays you will include a donation to the Foundation, because this is a big world, and there is so much more that can be accomplished. <http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/donate/>.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Updates from Nicaragua



During the summer of 2015, the Foundation decided to take a chance on Project Alianza, a small organization working to improve the lives of the children of migrant coffee workers. Their project grant was awarded in 2 parts, the 2nd half of the \$10,000 grant awarded in early 2016.

“Project Alianza works to improve the quality of life for children in the coffeegrowing lands of Nicaragua by providing access to quality education. We accomplish this by partnering with larger-scale coffee farmers that have an interest in promoting the well-being of their workforce, and seek to be perceived as good “corporate citizens.” With support from AllPeopleBeHappy foundation, Project Alianza obtained the opportunity to develop and refine their organizational priorities, piloted their primary school education initiatives, and seek out additional partnerships in Nicaragua.

The people in the areas we serve have a deep connection to the land and to their communities. We strive to promote the value of education by demonstrating how it can help their children develop into better stewards of the land and contribute to improving the circumstances of their community. In our first academic school year at the AllPeopleBeHappy-supported school, 100 percent of children living in the remote community were formally enrolled in school and graduated in their current grade... In addition, 150 children received a doctor's visit and anti-parasite medicines while attending our schools, and we have impacted hundreds of lives through

teacher trainings, parent workshops, community preparation meetings and home visits.”



Since 2008, Comunidad Connect has served the community of San Juan del Sur, in southern Nicaragua. In January 2016, their office moved from the city center to a neighboring community located just outside of town. The new location in Barrio Nuevo provided an opportunity to serve a community whose residents had far less access to social services than those of central San Juan del Sur. Comunidad Connect plans to bring health and agricultural education to the youth of Barrio Nuevo through a sustainable community garden. Their new office, a house turned into professional workspace, has a large backyard. It is located directly across from an elementary school, in a neighborhood filled with kids but lacking a park or greenspace. The backyard's financial sustainability will be achieved by splitting it into two parts: a community garden and a co- working space. Grace Galloway, with experience in community development work and experience working on an organic farm was the perfect candidate to receive a Spring 2016 AllPeopleBeHappy Fellow Grant. In the 3 months since beginning the work, they have planted dozens of citrus and fruit trees, vegetables and herbs in the garden. They have initiated 3 different types of composting processes and laid a stone path through the garden. Most



importantly, they have begun to foster relationships with the school, preschool, and community members. We look forward to further updates as these efforts continue to grow.

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The Foundation has awarded stipend grants to many individuals who have volunteered with Manna Project International in Nicaragua. Martha Lee, who received both Spring and Fall 2016 Volunteer Service Award grants mirrored the thoughts of many of our volunteers as they reflect on what their time in service has meant to the communities they served as well as to themselves as individuals.



“I had so many fears before moving to Nicaragua. I had never worked or lived, let alone visited a developing country before. Before I flew to Nicaragua, I had expected that this experience would require hard work, push me past my boundaries, and give me greater insight into development work. However, I have gained so much more. I did not expect to fall in love with this country and the people. The relationships that I have formed with the community members in both Villa Guadalupe and Cedro Galán have taught me lessons in hospitality, generosity, and hope.

I have witnessed first-hand the impact our programs have in our communities... Though, I see numerically how our programs are benefitting Cedro Galán and Villa Guadalupe, I feel our impact through cases such as my English student who dreamed of working in a call center and the jewelry cooperative mother who re-enrolled in high school. I am immensely thankful for this opportunity to volunteer with Manna Project International. My work for the past seven months would not have been possible without the AllPeopleBeHappyVolunteer Service Award.” Martha has elected to spend an additional year volunteering with Manna Project International.

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