

Hola Amigos,

Welcome to our **FIRST E-NEWSLETTER!** As we approach the end of 2005, we want to bring you closer to the people and projects in Nicaragua that have captivated all of us.

Most thrilling to anyone who has visited Villa Catalina, **THE WATER TOWER IS NOW STANDING!** Capable of holding 10,000 gallons, the water system will serve every home and agricultural area of the community. It is living proof of the generosity of so many of our missionaries.



The families of Villa Catalina continue to be the primary focus of our time and resources. In 2005, the feeding center, warehouse and 60 of the 120 homes were finished. **THIS VERY WEEK**, kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students received their graduation diplomas. The business cooperatives are thriving! The pig farm welcomed 3 new

litters of piglets, several acres of corn and rice were just harvested, and our chickens will begin producing eggs at the beginning of 2006. Just last week, the 24 members of the cooperative shared the **FIRST CYCLE'S PROFITS**. Maria Flores, a member of the cooperative, is seen on the right collecting her share from Luis Esquivel our projects coordinator.



Medical professionals from across the United States continue to volunteer their time and talent for the Chinandega community at *St. Martin de Porres Hospital in Betania*. A September general surgery brigade **PERFORMED OVER 110 PROCEDURES** on 69 patients. A brigade of orthopedic surgeons has just returned from another triumphant week of surgery. Among the accomplishments, two young Nicaraguans can now walk again, thanks to this dedicated team of medical missionaries.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Many of you have asked how you can support our mission to serve the poor in Nicaragua. This Christmas season, you can be a part of an awesome opportunity we are calling **PAY IT FORWARD**. Click on this paragraph for more details!

It has been a remarkable year. We wish you and yours a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
May we work together as Amigos for Christ again in 2006.