



Fact Sheet



The mission of Amigos for Christ is to serve the Lord by serving His poor. Our vision is to enrich the lives of those in need, as well as the missionaries who represent us.

WHAT GOD STARTED 10 YEARS AGO IN A SMALL CHURCH YOUTH GROUP, HE HAS TRANSFORMED AND INSPIRED TO BE A POSITIVE FORCE IN THE LIVES OF THE POOR, ESPECIALLY IN NICARAGUA. OUR EFFORTS FOCUS IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED BELOW. We have been able to provide over \$30 million in aid to the poor in CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN while keeping our operating costs to only 2.7% of donations.

To Help our brothers and sisters Survive...



WATER & SANITATION

We drill deep artesian wells and build storage and distribution systems to provide clean, abundant water to communities, schools, orphanages, and health facilities. We work alongside families to construct strong sanitary latrines and shower facilities, as well as basic waste management systems.



PREVENTATIVE & CURATIVE HEALTH CARE

Our Nicaraguan and missionary medical professionals teach basic preventative health classes in 20 rural communities. We attend to the sick in these locations as well as offer free life changing surgeries at the St. Martin de Porres Surgical Hospital that we help build in 2001. Over 6000 people are served each year in our health programs.

and to help them Thrive...

EDUCATION & NUTRITION

We build primary schools in areas where the local government has no budget. The Feeding Centers we construct next to schools encourage nutrition and increased attendance. We offer post-primary school scholarships to motivated students who will be the leaders of tomorrow.



SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

We offer families a hand up with small amount / low interest loans using the successful Nobel Prize winning Grameen Bank model. Our Pay-it-Forward animal program facilitates ownership of cows, pigs, and chickens to rural families. They will provide food and income and produce offspring that will benefit another family.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE



Together with benefiting families, we build strong concrete and steel homes in an area that is frequented by severe tropical storms, and earthquakes. We assist communities with general infrastructure issues that will promote better and safer living conditions. Working with the Youth, we build sports facilities, create leagues, and promote positive activities like Young Life.

WHAT OUR VOLUNTEERS & MISSIONARIES DO!



Each year, several hundred volunteers join us in Nicaragua to help us in our mission, participating in all project areas. We treat our mission trips like retreats to encourage openness to the presence of Christ. Our long-term missionaries not only serve as facilitators, but they work beside our Nicaraguan staff to develop each project into a flourishing program, benefiting families and glorifying God.

Amigos for Christ Experience Highlights 1998-2008

Water & Sanitation

- Drilled **81 fresh water wells** in areas where people were drinking contaminated water from rivers or hand dug wells.
- Built **32 water distribution systems** that provide clean, abundant water, allowing villagers more time to dedicate to work and family.
- Worked alongside families, community members, and other international organizations in the construction of over **700 sanitary latrines**.
- These projects are **benefiting over 20,000 people**.

Preventative & Curative Health Care

- Partnering with the Chinandega 2001 Foundation, we built the St. Martin de Porress Surgical Hospital. **Surgical teams** from all over the world provide free operations for the extremely poor, in the fields of general health, orthopedic, gynecology, urology, vision, and plastic surgery for burn victims and cleft lip/palette. Over **1000 patients** have benefited from this service, which would have been unavailable otherwise.
- In **20 communities**, Amigos has taught basic preventative health classes in areas ranging from cleanliness to diarrhea prevention and treatment.
- **Medical and Dental** care is available to over **6000 people** in health centers we have constructed or in communities that are visited by our Mobile Medical Unit.

Education & Nutrition

- We have built **8 school buildings** where **1200 children** receive their education.
- **4 Feeding Centers** have been constructed and are operating in conjunction with local schools to provide **180,000 meals a year**. Amigos farms over 20 acres to produce food and income for these centers.
- **210 adolescents** have benefited from our secondary and university **scholarship program**.

Small Business Opportunities

- **120 Families** are participating in our **micro loan** program. To date we have a 100% repayment rate.
- Over **1000 animals** (cows, pigs, and chickens) are producing food and income for families in our Pay it Forward program.

Community Development & Infrastructure

- Working together with other international aid organizations, **700 new homes** have been built in response to the devastation of Hurricane Mitch and extreme poverty conditions.
- Constructed **2 sports facilities** and began leagues in these communities.
- Created a **Young Life** chapter in Chinandega.

Mission Trips & Volunteering

- We have grown from 1 mission trip with 38 participants to **32 trips and 700 participants**.
- Created a **long-term volunteer program** where missionaries serve anywhere from 2 weeks to 2 years.
- Developed a **Christ centered** spirituality program for both our mission teams and our local staff.