Waslala Our work begins

Our expansion into the municipality of Waslala has begun and we are excited about the many partnerships that lie ahead. Our program alliance with Water for Waslala, and WaterAid America, called Agua Para Waslala, will empower the 65,000 residents of the municipality to achieve the goal of universal coverage by 2030. Three Nicaraguan staff members in the region have already begun working with
communities to achieve these goals. Currently, the municipal government reports that only 10-15% of Waslalans have access to safe drinking water, and 8% having access to adequately improved sanitation. We are excited about partnering with Waslalans on projects that will ensure a brighter future for present generations and generations to come.

On June 15th, we gathered for a very special inaugural event. Dozens of community members, several elected officials and even our Board Chairperson were able to attend.

More than a truck

We are deeply humbled to report that we were able to purchase a new truck in June! Over 100 donors pitched in whatever they could, allowing us to raise the funds necessary to expand our capacity.

Trucks are critical to our operations in rural Nicaragua, as they haul in supplies, volunteers and our staff to remote communities. A third truck gives us the opportunity to be more places at once and expand opportunities for work trip volunteers.

This was a timely purchase for us as we expand into Waslala – an arduous five hour drive from our headquarters in Managua. Thank you to the many people who made this possible for us!

THANK YOU!
This year's $75,000 Matching Challenge is underway! 18 generous donors have pledged to match every contribution we receive before September 30th, dollar-for-dollar, up to $75,000. As of September 1st, we have already raised $23,285 of our goal.

Will you pitch in whatever you can to double your impact on our work? Your gift will go to communities across Nicaragua who are ready to do the hard work of improving their health.

Our Matching Challenge raises general operating funds so that we can fill in gaps for projects underway, maintain 6 regional field offices, and empower our 28 Nicaraguan staff to serve communities where they live and work.

Use the envelope provided to send in a meaningful gift of any amount today or give online at www.elporvenir.org.

Travel with us! This could be you.

We invite you to organize a group of 10-15 people and travel to rural Nicaragua with El Porvenir and have the experience of a lifetime! You and your group can volunteer to work with a community to build a sustainable project that improves their living conditions and quality of life. Ready to travel? Contact us at tours@elporvenir.org or visit our website at www.elporvenir.org.

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT
“La Rinconada”

Alba is a 41 year old mother of five. Although she only went to school through the third grade, her lack of schooling has not held her back. Alba has always had the goal of working hard and helping her family and community get ahead. She is the leader of the community of La Rinconada and is also the local representative (volunteer) of the Ministry of Health. Two years ago, the Ministry of Health tested the water in Alba’s community and found that all of the water sources were contaminated with arsenic.

With the help of El Porvenir and UMCOR, we drilled another well, but it also was contaminated. I felt defeated and overwhelmed. Then, El Porvenir proposed the idea of the arsenic filters, and my hope returned. It was like I was born again. We built 14 filters. We are very grateful for El Porvenir in our community. We have been blessed with these water projects.

- Alba