We believe we can end the water and sanitation crisis in Nicaragua. But we need your help. Will you partner with the 328 residents in Agua Fria and San Agustín, El Sauce on a water system and latrines?

The San Agustín water system will bring water right to the door of the homes of the 228 residents. Currently, they make up to 10 trips back and forth to a water system that doesn’t produce enough water to meet the needs of everyone who lives there—or, worse yet, they pull water out of open, contaminated wells. The trips for water are time consuming, and the buckets are heavy. Also, children who are tasked with fetching water are not always able to attend school: they are too busy walking back and forth to the well to have time to go to school.

In Agua Fria, the 100 residents need latrines. I’m just back from Nicaragua and visited many communities that now have latrines. “Dignity” and “health” were the words that new latrine owners used over and over again as they stood proudly in front of their new latrines. Hygienic sanitation improves health, and healthy people are better able to work and change their economic situation. Your support will bring both health and dignity to the people of Agua Fria.

Your support is a “yes” to the people of Agua Fria and San Agustín. They are ready to do the labor, to contribute at least 10% of project materials, to participate in hygiene education, and to maintain the water system and latrines.

• Goal: $30,000

• Project: 1 water system + 20 latrines

• Beneficiaries: 328 people

Please use the enclosed envelope or go to ElPorvenir.org and make your gift today.

Jehna Saldana
Director of U.S Operations
According to UNICEF, only 19% of Nicaraguan schools have access to hand washing facilities. With the support of our donors, El Porvenir works alongside Nicaraguan communities and families to increase that number. To date, we have helped rural schools provide water and sanitation resources for over 23,000 children and teachers! That means that more children are healthy and happy—and able to attend school more regularly.

Schools in rural Nicaragua don’t often have the resources for beautification projects, but you can really see the pride of ownership reflected in the decorations of the wash stations. On a recent trip in Nicaragua touring El Porvenir projects, the wash stations in schools really stood out, depicting nature scenes and including a quote from famed poet Ruben Dario. These bright and beautiful stations drew the children to them. What a fantastic way to encourage good hygiene!
We tend to bring you more news about our community partners than about our own, mostly Nicaraguan staff. If you've traveled with us, you'll recognize a few faces as some of our staff have been with us for 20 years. Also, please welcome Claire and April who join us in the Colorado office!
If you’re interested in deepening your connection to Nicaragua and El Porvenir, we invite you to join us as a project volunteer. You will travel to rural Nicaragua and work with local families on projects which have a lasting effect on quality of life. This is a great opportunity to have an amazing adventure while serving in an authentic way.

Our August 11-20, 2018 trip is open to all individuals and will focus on building cook stoves which use less firewood and vent out harmful smoke. Each beneficiary family makes a financial contribution for hired labor and materials and works alongside the volunteers in the construction of the stoves. These stoves improve respiratory health for the entire family, and beneficiaries have been thrilled to have the space for several pots on their new stoves!

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