Dear friends and supporters,

We write to you with gratitude for your continued support during such challenging times. In Nicaragua, we've experienced just over two years of political instability which is now coupled with our global crisis from COVID-19. These crises have served to reaffirm the importance of our work to ensure that all community members have access to water, sanitation, health and hygiene.

Last year, with your support, El Porvenir worked with 34,054 Nicaraguans on the development of 18 water projects, 11 school handwashing stations, and 846 latrines. Our Nicaraguan partners also planted 96,715 trees as part of reforestation efforts to ensure a year-round water supply.

In Nicaragua, the last two years have seen the closure of many organizations, and now we see similar troubling indicators on a global scale as a result of COVID-19. The fact that El Porvenir has been able to continue work (in fact, even increase) amidst these crises is a testament to (1) the strong foundation of community relationships and trust that El Porvenir has built over years, and (2) the flexible and committed support from all of you.

Because handwashing and hygiene have always been foundational parts of our work, right now we are able to double down on ensuring that community members have access to handwashing for their immediate needs to protect against the spread of COVID-19. With your support, we will continue this critical work.

Thank you again,

Nora Pillard Reynolds, PhD
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IT STARTS WITH CLEAN HANDS: NEW HANDWASHING STATION IN EL PALO, SAN LORENZO

Yesmar and Gerald, both 9 and students at the Nicarao School in El Palo, are excited about the new handwashing station at their rural school. Now students can wash their hands after playing, before eating, and after using the latrine.

"I feel really good because I can wash my hands, and I know I’m doing it well," said Yesmar.

Gerald shared that before having a handwashing station, they all got sick more from diarrhea, stomach pain, and other sicknesses.

"Since having the handwashing station, we all feel better—and the best part is that El Porvenir showed us how to wash our hands correctly. We all know how to be healthy, and it starts with clean hands," said Gerald.

*Projects like these are more important than ever given what’s happening in the world in 2020 due to COVID-19. We continue to do significant outreach to rural communities about the importance of handwashing and hygiene education. Additionally, we are distributing 1,800 handwashing stations to homes, schools, and health centers to limit the spread of all diseases.

We believe all people deserve clean water, safe sanitation, and the knowledge to sustain it for future generations. We partner with the people of Nicaragua so that they can build a better future for themselves through the sustainable development of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) education projects. We also take it a step further with our watershed management program, which promotes water flow, increases food security, and reduces the impact of climate change. Clean drinking water for all Nicaraguans—no matter how remote or how bad the road is—is at the core of everything we do.
THANK YOU!

You make it all possible, and we sincerely thank you. In 2019, we partnered with over 34,000 people on life-changing and life-saving projects: drilled wells, water systems, double pit latrines, pour flush toilets, handwashing stations, and fuel-efficient cookstoves. Additionally, we address handwashing and other hygiene education topics as well as food and water security through our watershed restoration program. Our team of mostly Nicaraguans build respectful, caring partnerships with community members, school groups, and healthcare professionals as we develop projects with households, schools, and health centers.

Together, we are making a difference in the lives of thousands of rural Nicaraguans.

**2019 FINANCIALS**

**INCOME**
- Contributions: $1,027,161
- Work trips: $22,600
- Program Revenue: $26,584
- Investment Income: $20,820
- Donated Services: $1,761
- Net Assets Released from Donor Restrictions: $958,657

**Total Income**: $2,057,583

**EXPENSES**
- Program services: $1,465,844
- General and Management: $205,753
- Fundraising: $123,609

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: $1,795,206

**NET ASSETS, beginning of the year**: $771,670

**NET ASSETS, end of the year**: $914,636

**EXPERIMENT: 2019**
- Program services: 37%
- General and management: 11%
- Fundraising: 7%
- Other: 82%