2005 was Manna's first full year in Nicaragua. The founding members worked diligently to shape the organization, define our goals, and find an organizational structure that worked.

We had two major milestones in 2005. First, our partnership with FUNJOFUDESS, a Nicaraguan NGO committed to improving life for families from La Chureca. Local partnerships like this enable us to pursue shared goals, operate more effectively and strengthen our programs, increasing our positive impact in the communities we serve.

Second, the establishment of our Child Sponsorship program for clinically malnourished children living in La Chureca. Currently, 50+ children and their mothers benefit from weekly health and nutrition trainings and monthly distributions of milk, cereals, beans, and vitamins. Since 2005, we have served, on average, 50 children and their mothers each year.

Each month, we will continue to highlight a year in Manna's past. If you'd like to see the full history of Manna, check out our Timeline!