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NICARAGUA IN CRISIS



Many of you may be aware of the civil unrest in Nicaragua since mid-April. In this time, more than 300 people have been killed (the majority of whom have been students), thousands injured, and scores kidnapped, tortured, and imprisoned. While media coverage was scarce in the early months, this horrific situation has been increasingly covered and investigated by international news outlets, the Organization of American States (OAS) and the UN.¹

You may be wondering how this situation has impacted our Nicaraguan friends and the communities we serve. Two of the major areas of impact are lost jobs and food security. The Tin Roof Foundation hopes to fund a project—a combination warehouse and market—that has the potential to have far-reaching impacts for families affected by this crisis.

We have set a goal of raising \$100,000 for these special crisis aid projects—which is over and above the regular programs that The Tin Roof Foundation continues to fund. We implore you to give generously to the warehouse/market facility and related projects that will help our friends in Nicaragua rebuild their families, communities and country in the aftermath of the civil unrest. Turn the page to learn how your donations will be used.

<i>Disastrous Impacts on Nicaraguans²</i>	<i>How We Can Help</i>
<p>Months of deadly unrest devastating Nicaragua's economy. Investments in tourism, construction, and agricultural development have been frozen since April. In 2017, the Nicaraguan economy grew by 4.9%; in 2018, it is expected to grow by 0-1%.</p>	<p>Securing new facility to use as combination of warehouse and market. A warehouse will allow our partner Rayo del Sol to purchase and store large quantities of local produce, and sell produce out of the market. Estimated cost: \$12,000</p>
<p>More than 215,000 jobs have been lost. Tourists have stopped traveling to the country; 70,000 jobs have been lost in the tourism industry alone.</p>	<p>Small business development. We help provide technical and entrepreneurial training and financial support to foster small business development, which leads to the creation of additional micro-businesses. Estimated cost: \$44,150</p> <p>Purchasing locally for school nutrition program. Purchasing more produce from local farmers at 20% above current market rates will bolster the local economy, while providing improved nutrition for more than 3,000 children. Estimated cost: \$27,650</p>
<p>Already fragile food security further compromised. Though the occupiers claim they are only taking over unused land, over 90% of occupied land was previously used for growing crops, raising cattle, or agricultural research.</p>	<p>Training for local farmers. We will provide training and tools for small farmers so they can diversify their production, grow more nutritious food for their families, and generate income. Estimated cost: \$16,200</p>



Growing the Way to Change

Hervin Montenegro lives in the community Piedra de Agua with his wife and three daughters. Though Hervin has farmed the same small parcel of land his whole life, he dreams of providing a higher quality of life for his family. To this end, we've been working with Hervin to generate more income by diversifying his farm, which now produces squash, potatoes, and cabbage. Tin Roof partner Rayo del Sol has purchased a significant part of Hervin's harvest for the nutrition program at the 18 schools they serve, which has fed more than 3,000 children. The increased crop yields have also generated additional income for his family. In 2019, we are committed to helping provide Hervin and other entrepreneurs with ongoing training, tools, and market opportunities they need to be successful.

"BRINGING HOPE TO KIDS"

As you can see, the need in Nicaragua is urgent and greater than ever. **Since we are not holding a Nica Noche event this fall, won't you consider giving your Nica Noche and year-end donations now to help bring hope to the kids and families in a country torn apart by months of civil upheaval?** Your generosity towards these crisis aid projects can help us provide the tools, knowledge, and support to cultivate more success stories like Hervin and his family.

¹For more reliable information, check out the La Prensa newspaper online at laprensa.com.ni. You'll need to use your browser or another plug-in to translate the site to English.

²Source: TodayNicaragua.com