

# NEWS FROM LA ECUELITA

## NOVEMBER 2022

### A Wonderful Visit To La Escuelita

We just returned from a two-week visit to Nicaragua which included several wonderful days at La Escuelita. Even though we have been there so many times, we always learn new things and find our hearts and minds re-opened by our visits. The warm welcome of our friends the teachers and the joyful smiles and laughter of the children always fill us with joy and wonder.



We also had our first opportunity to meet that new third teacher, Johana Muñoz. Johana first met the teachers when they were in the university together and she is now a member of the same church as one of the other teachers. She has been familiar with La Escuelita for several years because the teachers invited her to speak at some of the special meetings for parents dealing with social issues like child raising and family violence. She is such a great addition to the school.

We were also able to speak with every one of the scholarship students – from early high school students to those who are about to graduate from one of the many universities. For some of these we pay tuition and for others a little extra for better clothing, transportation and school supplies.



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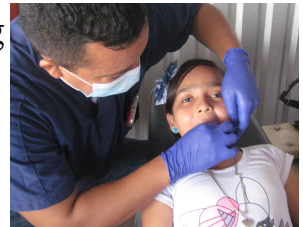
All of the costs of La Escuelita continue to go up, **and up, and up!**

The cost of the corn, rice and beans that make up the basis of the Nicaraguan diet has risen by more 20%. **\$75** per month will maintain the previous level of the food program.



For years the school has operated with only two teachers, but this year a third teacher is needed. The salary of the new teacher will be **\$300** per month.

Increased costs and the difficulty of taking a delegation to Nicaragua have made it impossible to do a dental health program for the past two years. Estimated annual cost for Nicaraguan dentists and supplies is **\$2000**.



When school starts again in February each child will receive a child-size backpack with school supplies. For 120 children the cost will be about **\$1200**.

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