

# Everything is going well with La Escuelita in Nicaragua.



Children are drawing, coloring, learning the letters and numbers, and learning to play in a large group with other children as they prepare for public school.

A nutritious meal is served every day.  
For some children it is the  
only warm meal of the day.



There is no gym, but exercise helps children learn to work together and follow directions. It also helps in dealing with the playful energy of young children.

Children are learning the importance of reading for every kind of learning.



However, We've had some problems getting the needed funds to the school.

The work of La Escuelita is only possible because of two things:

1. The strength and dedication of teachers like Alicia Narvaez and Leonor Najeras
2. The financial support of people like **YOU**.

We think you deserve to know what has happened. We have traditionally used two ways to send the money to Nicaragua: Checks and an ATM card connected with the bank in the US where the school account is located.



This system has worked well for us for many years. We receive a monthly report from the school and reconcile that report with the bank statement in the US.

### **BUT, LIKE MANY OTHERS, WE'VE BEEN HACKED!**

Our ATM card was hacked by a card skimmer in Nicaragua. Because of this we are about \$5000 short in our fundraising. We worked with the Fraud Department Officer of our local bank. However, we have decided not to file an international fraud claim because of the lack of cooperation from the Nicaraguan Bank.

We have put new procedures in place. We immediately closed the Debit Card. Since US government sanctions do not allow Bank Transfers to Nicaragua, we are now using online money transfer services to send money to La Escuelita.

### **THE GOOD NEWS IS:**

1. We are still able to get the funds from your donations to the school and scholarship students, even though finances are quite limited right now.
2. The work of La Escuelita continues. The children are joyfully learning and growing.

All this is only possible because of the love and dedication of the teachers, and the supportive donations of people like **YOU**.

**Thank You**

Donations Can Be Sent To  
CEPAD-USA/Escuelita  
c/o Beverly Kirkman  
5605 Groomsbridge Court  
Raleigh. NC 27612  
Please mark "School" or  
"Scholarship Fund"