

NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA

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RECOVERING FINANCIALLY

As we told you in our June newsletter, the Debit Card that was used to send money to Nicaragua was hacked, and about \$5000 was stolen. **YOUR** response as donors has touched us deeply. The teachers have been overwhelmed by your generosity and care.

We have recovered from the theft, but (of course) the needs from the school continue as everything in Nicaragua becomes more and more expensive.

In all of this, La Escuelita continues to do wonderful things to touch the lives of the children of their community. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

A special gift from one donor and the help of many of the parents made it possible for the school to rent a bus and take the whole group for a fun day at a swimming pool during the June heat.



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

We received a surprise donation from a person who visited the school only once, more than 15 years ago. The donation was to buy books and learning aids. The children are now enjoying new stories.



SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

August is a big holiday time in Managua, with the Feast Day of Santo Domingo, the Patron Saint of the city. Children from many different schools take part in local parades. Since La Escuelita is only two blocks from the Iglesia Santo Domingo, the procession in that neighborhood is one of the largest. Many of the children and parents marched in the local parade, carrying the sign that identifies the school they love.



The holidays continue in September, with September 14 & 15 celebrated as Nicaragua's Independence Day. We know that Nicaragua is a very divided country, with strong pro-government and strong anti-government opinions. But even with all of these divisions, Nicaraguans still celebrate their history and culture.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Nicaragua is prone to many kinds of natural disasters. As part of the Pacific "Ring of Fire" there are many active volcanoes in Nicaragua. The smoke from the Momotombo volcano is often visible in the city. The children showed that smoke with a puff of cotton as they learned about their geography.



This diorama shows the volcano as well as the effects of earthquakes and the floods that so often accompany the hurricanes that hit Nicaragua with alarming frequency. Global warming is hitting Central America far more seriously than many other parts of the world.