

Greetings! Welcome to our Spring fundraising event for 2026. This is an opportunity for our generous supporters to partner with us and help finance this wonderful ministry.

We continue to emphasize preschool education as the main priority of our ministry. Our goal is to help the families in the community of Somoto to improve their lives and to provide a bright future for their children.

We staff our school with excellent and well trained teachers, who have a heart for working with these children and for being a part of our ministry. With our newly remodeled kitchen we provide two nutritious meals, and a healthy snack for the students daily. We also teach the students and their families how to have good personal hygiene, and practice healthy habits at home.

It has become a tradition for us to annually provide shoes for our preschool kids, and other children in the community. On a recent trip to Somoto, we handed out 75 pairs of shoes to children with wide eyes and big smiles as a result!



This preschool experience allows these 3, 4, and 5 year old kids to be healthy and much better prepared for when they enter the local public schools as first graders.

It also allows the families to have a safe place for their young children to spend the day, while the parents are out working and helping to provide for their families.

Many of the older students who participated in our preschool will come back and visit in the afternoons, volunteering to help with the kids, and receiving help with their own school work.



Here's How You Can Help!

It has become a tradition of our fundraising efforts to have some generous supporters provide matching funds to the donations that are received from you. Once again we have \$5,000 available for matching funds. This is a great way to double your giving! If you would like to help, please send your tax deductible contribution via check to: Bethlehem- Nicaragua c/o Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1000 W. 15th Ave., Longmont, CO 80501. To make an online donation use the QR code (left) or go to:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXX6/home>

Scroll to the options (tiles) and click on the Nicaragua Project, then click on Donate Now and follow the directions. Thank you so much for your faithful giving!



We would like to introduce you to Mayor Dania! We had the pleasure of spending some time with her on our last trip to Somoto. Dania is definitely a people's Mayor, having a servant's heart, and a humble attitude, giving credit to God for any success that she has had as Mayor. And here is something interesting, when she was a child, Project Nicaragua built her family a house!

She gave us a tour of a couple of her projects, including a rehabilitation center for men who struggle with alcohol abuse, and another project of building low-income housing for women coming out of The Mother's House, and need a home.

We look forward to working with Dania on some of her projects in the future.

We continue to be amazed at how successful our scholarship program has turned out to be. Some of our generous donors support students who have dreams of becoming doctors, teachers, computer engineers, construction engineers, and various other careers, but they lack the finances to accomplish this. With the help of our supporters, many have seen their dreams become a reality.

Here are three of them, who not only accomplished their dreams, but came back to the community that they grew up in, to practice medicine, dentistry, and to be an elementary teacher.



Dr. Oscar, General Practitioner At Somoto Hospital



Dr. Cristel, our local dentist. She works with us to offer dental work to those who can not afford it.



Noelia. Graduated in Elementary Education. She teaches 3rd grade English classes, and volunteers at our preschool.

Thank you so much to our faithful supporters! You are a blessing to all of these children and families who are part of our ministry. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve our Lord and serve His children.

