



El Viejo! JustHope

Creating global partnerships, combating poverty, nurturing sustainable community...
December 30, 2011

New Year's Dreams Gifts

**Your year-end gifts
will help us begin
responding
immediately to the New
Year dreams of our
partners in Nicaragua**

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What's Needed in Nicaragua

Cell phones (with chargers)

Sewing Supplies:

scissors; seam rippers;
sewing machine thread
clip on table lamps
used Pfaff sewing machines (models

Clinic Supplies:

IBprofin; pregnancy tests; latex
gloves

Children's shoes

2012 PartnerTrips

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on all our PartnerTrips

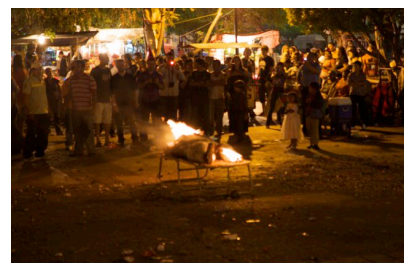
**Jan 15-22 to Chacraseca
House Building**
Disciples Christian,
Bartlesville, OK

**Jan 21-28 to Chacraseca
Building a Labrotory**
1st Christian, Harrisonville, MO

As the old year nears its close in Nicaragua, the Nicaraguan people prepare to let go of it with the beautiful and meaningful tradition of El Viejo.



Weeks before Dec. 31 arrives, families and communities stuff an old suit of men's clothing with straw. They paint a face, and add shoes and sometimes a hat. While stuffing the figure, they add small firecrackers to the straw stuffing. And when he's done, they name their new friend, "El Viejo" -- the old one - and set him out. Then, as the final days of the year go by, the family/community reflects on the events of the year that is ending... and tuck small symbols of its struggles, disappointments, and failures into the tucks and folds of El Viejo.



March 3-11 to Chacraseca
"Building a Sewing Center"
Federated UCC,
Chagrin Falls, OH

Mar 24-31 to Santa Emelia
Building a Classroom
Partridge UCC, Partridge KS

April 14-23 to La Flor
Finishing the Store
Beatitudes UCC, Phoenix AZ

April 28 - May 6 to Chacraseca
"Finishing a Sewing Center"
Fecerated UCC,
Chagrin Falls, OH

May 6-15
Dental Hygiene Service
Learning
Tulsa Community College

May 15-23
Nursing Service Learning
Tulsa Community College

May 26-June 2
Medical Service Learning
Oklahoma State Medical School

June 9-16 to Chacraseca
House Building
Friends of JustHope

Jun 23-Jul 3 to Chacraseca
Music Camp
Church of the Valley, Murrieta,
CA

July 28 - Aug 4 to Santa
Emelia
Education Project
Cheney UCC, Cheney KS

JustHope can help you
or your group find or
create a PartnerTrip
that meets your needs!

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At midnight on New Year's Eve, El Viejo is set afire. And as he pops and bumps and burns away, so does the old year-- with all it's regrets-- cleansing the way for a fresh and hopeful start of the brand new year.

As 2011 draws to a close, those of us at JustHope hope that all your disappointments and regrets go the way of El Viejo en Nicaragua... and

We wish you a
HAPPY and HOPE-FILLED
NEW YEAR!

Highlights of 2012 PartnerDreams & Plans

- In Chacraseca, we are in the exploration stages of a multi-partner effort to start a vocational school that will give young people in Chacraseca some marketable skills!
- We are also developing a sewing enterprise in Chacraseca-"Stitching Hope" that will train and equip women to combine the artistic skills of fabric art with the utilitarian skills of sewing to provide jobs for up to 30 women.
- We'll be looking for ways to expand the music program in Chacraseca to engage more children and adults in the joy of making music.
- The microcredit opportunities in Chacraseca and Santa Emilia need to be increased and diversified In Santa Emilia, we will continue to develop and enhance the high school we started this year, and
- The primary school in Santa Emilia will get a "facelift" with at least one additional classroom.
- The 562 families in La Flor are working on a project to build latrines near each home. Right now many families have only a hole in the ground surrounded by trees or plastic.
- La Flor wants to expand the new "La Flor Tienda" (Community Store) beyond selling simple household basics, to include basic grains

We can do far more together
than any of us can do alone!

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JustHope is a 501c3 organization dedicated to creating global partnerships, combating extreme poverty, and nurturing sustainable community.

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