

Summer 2020



You Help Us Serve With Love

Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic...

Most likely, you have never had to think about collecting or storing water to drink, cook with, and wash your hands with, or worry about whether or not it is clean ... But that is the difficult reality in most rural villages in Nicaragua.

Thanks to your continued support, our WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Program has provided water filters to over 1,400 families in rural Nicaragua.

You've also helped us train 42 local leaders, called Water Promoters, to monitor the use of water filters, perform simple repairs, and educate families about good personal and home hygiene - including effective hand washing according to WHO standards!

By making clean water accessible for thousands of rural families in Nicaragua, you are helping prevent disease and save lives!



In the wake of COVID-19, you've helped us share how to craft hand washing devices ("Tippy Taps") for families with limited access to running water.

Gerald, a trained Water Promoter in the remote community of La Consulta, says:

"I'm joyful to work for my community. We [Water Promoters] are committed to help families improve their hygiene for better health."

"The WASH Program has improved living conditions in our community. By drinking clean water, families don't get sick as frequently as they did before. And, we are helping them learn about good hygiene practices and techniques to wash and take proper care of their water filters."



As of June 2nd, health authorities in Nicaragua have reported 1,118 positive cases of COVID-19, and 46 deaths. Our hearts and prayers go out to families who have lost loved ones in Nicaragua and around the globe. Please keep praying for our community health workers, staff, and the vulnerable people you help us serve. We are praying for you and your communities, too.

Look inside!
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Thank you for helping us prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Nicaragua!



2020 hasn't been an easy year for any of us. We know one way or another the COVID-19 pandemic has affected you. You may be struggling. Praying. Feeling lonely or concerned for your safety or the safety of others. And yet, that hasn't stopped you from caring for others.

When we asked for your help, your prompt and

generous financial support allowed us to implement an emergency response to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in vulnerable communities. Your compassion, love, and solidarity for families in Nicaragua is heartwarming and inspiring! Thank you for helping us work to save lives.



"My commitment to my patients during this pandemic is to share important information to protect them, to educate them on measures to prevent any viral disease, and to continue to care for them to prevent future health complications. I stand in solidarity with my colleagues in the clinic and with all health workers during this global crisis. Once more, I realize I made the right choice to listen to my calling to help others."

~Dra. Irene Escobar, physician at the Samaritan Clinic in Nejapa.



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You helped us train community health volunteers to share about key prevention measures to help protect their communities from COVID-19. And now, you're helping us continue to stay in touch and keep them informed remotely!



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You provided personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies to health promoters in 23 rural community clinics.



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You delivered stocks of essential medications to community clinics so health promoters can continue to treat common illnesses, and patients can continue to have access to basic health care in their own communities.



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You helped us keep our two Managua clinics open to provide critical health services and needed medicines to impoverished families in Nejapa and Villa Guadalupe.



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You helped us make sure all our community clinics - even those without running water - have functional hand washing stations.



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You provided nutritious food supplements to families with young children to prevent child malnutrition in the midst of reported food shortages in rural communities.



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You supported families in learning ways to cope with fear and anxiety during this difficult time. And you helped them know that they are not alone.

"To all AMOS supporters: Thank you. Thank you so much for all your help during this crisis. We know this disease has spread worldwide, and we want you to know we are praying for you. We hope you pray for us, too. You encourage us, and you help us remember that together in solidarity, we are stronger than we are alone."

-Catalino Jarquin, Health Promoter of Cumaica Norte



Support This Work

Your compassionate love helps us continue our service to vulnerable Nicaraguans and gives hope to families in need. To help us continue to respond to COVID-19 and its consequences in Nicaragua, please go to amoshealth.org/donate.

Thank you for your generous and continued support. You give us so much hope!

You Make Health and Hope Happen in Tapasle...

Aura Rivera is the health promoter of the rural community of Tapasle, in the mountains of Matagalpa. Recently, a woman named Eligia came to the community clinic after being sick with diarrhea and vomiting for two days.

“I examined her and took her vital signs,” Aura said. “She wasn’t severely dehydrated yet. So I treated her with zinc tablets and had her drink oral rehydration fluids. I also counseled her on good personal and home hygiene practices, such as how to boil water before drinking it or cooking with it. I gave her a 14-day course of medicines and advised her to be sure to complete the full treatment, even if she felt better before the end.”

Aura checked on Eligia by phone every couple of days and made sure she recovered completely. *“I am grateful to God and to AMOS supporters like you,”* Aura shared. *“We don’t know what we*



Aura Rivera practices how to take vital signs with an AMOS staff member.

would do without your support. Without medicines or a trained health promoter in the community, things would be so different.”

For vulnerable families like Eligia’s, having access to health care and medications without having to travel far amidst the current pandemic is a true blessing. Thank you for making this possible!

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Thank you for for giving hope to vulnerable families in Nicaragua - today and all year round!



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