



Nicaraguan Children's Friendship Committee



September 2017

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your wonderful support of NCFC's carpentry program through Global Giving. In late July, I traveled to Leon and saw first-hand how the students are benefiting from the carpentry program.

The highlight of my visit was the time I spent with the mother and grandmother of Miguel (13) and Kenner (14). I previously met these ladies in their homes in January when their boys had just started the program. They described the difficulty of raising boys without their fathers in their poor neighborhood where glue-sniffing kids pass by their front doors.

Seven months later, these ladies were smiling and looked relieved! Maria Lisette, mother of thirteen year-old Miguel said, "Miguel used to be sad and bored at home. Now he can't stop talking about the taller. He wants to open his own carpentry shop one day." Maria Rosario, Kenner's grandmother, told me, "The taller's two male teachers are a "bendicion" (blessing) for me because they teach the boys' respect and responsibility." Kenner is the top student in his class and captain of the soccer team.

The ladies thanked me for the backpacks and school supplies NCFC purchased for their sons at the beginning of the school year. Both boys' are doing great in school.

The school year in Nicaragua ends in mid November. We look forward to one student graduating from high school and the rest passing their classes. Three students will finish the basic carpentry course and three others will finish an advance year-long computer class. Throughout December, the students will make crafts and furniture for sale for the Holidays.

Your generosity helps our students succeed! Muchisimas gracias.

Veronica

Veronica Sanchez, President
NCFC Board of Directors

*Drawing above is by Junior,
an artistic carpentry student,
who is hearing impaired.*



Kenner unloads broken rattan chairs from a horse cart with carpentry teacher Juan Maradiaga.



“ Kenner's doesn't want to miss a work day at the taller (carpentry shop), he's even gone to work with an ear infection. He hates school holidays when the taller is not open ”

— said Maria Rosario, Kenner's grandmother.

Pictured left to right: Maria Rosario, Kenner, Miguel and his mother Maria Lisette.



“ Manuel rushes on Sunday mornings to put on his soccer uniform ”

— said Manuel's mother. Manuel is pictured bottom row, second from right with other teammates wearing NCFC uniforms.