



Christmas Stockings from Nicaragua for HELP Adult Services

This year, 35 stockings will have made a long journey to be a part of HELP Adult Services' Christmas stocking program for the incarcerated.



The Missouri River Valley Presbytery has had a partnership with about 20 Christian churches in the town of La Concepción, Nicaragua for 11 years.

With the financial assistance of MRV Presbytery, the Pastors Committee of La Concepción built a sewing collective to provide employment for women in their community.

*Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere, with average annual income of \$326. **The collective now employs 10 women** part-time, many of them single mothers.*

The women of the collective were delighted to be able to share their skills with us.

They sewed Christmas stockings, which were then hand-carried back from Nicaragua by a group of MRV Presbyterians who visited our partners in November.

These stockings must take the prize for the most well-traveled stockings this year!

