



Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

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PMRV NICARAGUA PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE: FALL 2023 NEWS

Dear Pastor and Mission Committee of fellow PMRV church,

Our Presbytery can proudly celebrate 23 years in partnership with a group of churches in La Concepción, Nicaragua. Over the years, we have developed wonderful relationships and learned from each other.

It is time for our **ANNUAL SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE**. This is a project that evolved about 14 years ago when our presbytery purchased land and built a Sewing Collective building. Since then, a group of women sew school uniforms for 100 children in most need within the partners' churches and communities. The children also receive a backpack with school supplies and new shoes. The women in the Collective get paid a fair wage while also developing a useful skill. This year the cost for the entire packet is **\$120 per child**.

In September, we hosted a group of three for a week and once again, it was an excellent experience for all involved. We learned about a feeding program they have initiated for children in an extremely impoverished area of their municipality. We plan to keep funding for this program, separate from our annual school uniform and travel fund drives. Please see the enclosed information regarding a fundraiser specifically for this program. Our primary focus will remain the School Uniform Drive.

We need the support of all the churches in our Presbytery. Here are some ideas for your mission team to encourage your congregation to help...

- Keep our partnership on your prayer list
- Do a Minute for Mission (contact us for a script)
- Show the Nicaragua Partnership video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S70Ei_u10pE)
- Use the enclosed flyer as a bulletin or newsletter insert
- Designate a NICARAGUA SUNDAY – serve a light meal during fellowship time for a free-will offering (contact us for simple, Nicaragua-style recipes), do a soup supper, a bake sale, or anything that works for you. You could ask the youth group or Sunday school class to help
- Sell products made by women of the Sewing Collective

Although the school year starts in February, we have an on-going fundraising account, and contributions are welcome anytime throughout the year.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting this worthy mission!

In Christ's Love,

PMRV Nicaragua Partnership Committee

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HOW TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS

Checks:

Send checks to your church, or mail to:

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(Please make a notation on the check to ***Nicaragua School Uniforms***)

Online giving:

- Scan the QR code below or visit to the presbytery's website at www.pmrv.org
- Click on the ***Give Now*** button
- In the notes section of the transaction, type ***Nicaragua School Uniforms***

