

There are many countries struggling with poverty, persecution, oppression, war and immense suffering that need missionaries to witness to the light and love of Christ bringing hope for the future.
~ United States Catholic Conference of Bishops

This year, as I celebrate October as “Mission Month,” my heart and mind are flooded with images of my recent visit to our SND missionaries in Jinotega, Nicaragua.
Since you are so instrumental in enabling our sisters’ ministry in that country, I would like to share a few of those images with you.

Picture Sisters Charlotte, Roseanna, and Dolores in their very small home, where neighboring children frequently spill through the open door: coming for youth ministry, catechetical sessions, or English lessons; seeking a listening ear, or sharing the fruits of their gardens (which our sisters then share with others in need). It is very evident how much the “Nica” children and adults love our sisters. As one commented, “Never before have sisters lived among us and walked with us.” Our sisters’ presence is, indeed, a sign of God’s goodness and provident care to a people whose country has been ravaged by wars, foreign interventions, natural disasters, and poverty.



Next, in your imagination, travel the rough roads of Nicaragua with our sisters, to the twenty-five missions of Sangre de Cristo Parish. Wherever they visit people in humble homes of mud, zinc, or concrete blocks, the sisters are warmly welcomed with hugs and kisses, offered a chair and simple refreshments. Often there are animals wandering in or around the home. One of my most memorable visits was to a home where two little girls proudly introduced me to their pet pig.



Finally, accompany our sisters to the Telares Nicaragua women’s cooperative, where four women earn about \$4 each per day, weaving beautiful purses. Nearby, stop to visit Luz, who makes exquisite jewelry from seeds, in order to support her children and pay for needed medications. Our sisters support these women by directing to them, visitors who purchase and help market their products. In the near future, Sister Charlotte hopes to begin offering sewing and needlework classes for women and girls.



As I prepared to leave Jinotega, I asked our missionary sisters about their ministry needs, knowing that you will generously want to support them. Following are some needs they mentioned:

- Materials for English lessons:
laptop, books, audio-visuals, projector screen (about \$600)
- Funding for youth retreats/workshops (\$30 per youth for each retreat)
- Spanish Bibles (\$20 each)
- Craft materials for courses taught by our sisters (\$5 for each kit)

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Our sisters also dream of a larger home, where they can welcome volunteers to work in our mission, and of a Sisters of Notre Dame Faith Formation/Educational Center, which can house various ministries.

Won't you please send your gift now to help support our sisters' ministries in Nicaragua, India and Africa? In each of these countries, our missionary sisters bring hope as they share God's love, and as they accompany, especially, women and children who are becoming empowered.



Many thanks for your support, which has helped so much. Your continuing support will help many more people. Offer a gift of \$20, \$50, or \$100. Your gift of any size will make a difference.

Your prayerful support is also very much appreciated, as our missionaries carry out the Lord's command to "make disciples of all nations." (Matt. 28:19), responding to Jesus' words, "Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me." (Matt. 25:40) May all of us who love the Lord, have missionary hearts!

In the Spirit of our Good God,

Sister Marie

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