

Project Chacocente

Protocol for Individuals who want to visit Nicaraguan project:

Most people will notify someone on the Board of Directors or a staff member at the Project if they intend to visit the project/families. In all cases, we should make sure that the person who wants to visit feels welcome to do so, but that they follow a simple protocol.

1. Before traveling to Nicaragua, contact (email is fine) the project director on site to let him/her know you're coming.
2. Notify the director of the reason for the visit, especially if you'd like to involve the families in any kind of study or interviews.
3. The director will need to consult with the families, if a study is involved.
4. The director will notify the visitor and the Board of Directors if any restrictions are put on the visitor's time at Chacocente.
5. Before traveling to Nicaragua, the visitor should contact the project director and advise him or her of their arrival date.
6. When the visitor arrives in Nicaragua, s/he and the project director should meet with the families to inform them of how the visitor will be spending his/her time while at Chacocente. At this meeting, family members will have the opportunity to welcome the visitor and ask questions to clarify the reason for the visit.
7. While not mandatory, it's good form for the visitor to meet with the families (even informally) before they leave to thank them for their hospitality.
8. Staff may not always be available to accompany individuals or pairs for the duration of their trip, especially a trip which is not directly related to the project or is offsite.