



Chacocente News

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\$10K Matching Grant Kicks Off Funding of On-Campus Church

Asbury First United Methodist Church of Rochester, NY has donated \$10,000 in matching funds to encourage the construction of a church building at Project Chacocente.

The Chacocente families have for years requested help in building a church that they and the surrounding community could attend. The church will also serve the Chacocente Christian School and visiting delegations.

Asbury First's pastor, Rev. Susan Shafer, said she and her congregation felt called to help make the church a reality.

The total cost of the church is estimated at \$20,000. If you would like to contribute to the church fund – and have your contribution doubled – please send your check to:

**Project Chacocente
P.O. Box 128
Lexington, MA 02420**

Please indicate on the check that it is for the church fund.

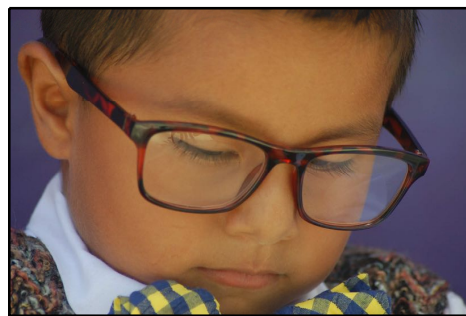
Many thanks and blessings to Asbury First for getting us started on this wonderful project!!

Seven Students to Participate in CCS First-Ever H.S. Graduation



The Chacocente Christian School will celebrate its first-ever high-school graduation in November. To meet the students, see p. 3.

At left, the senior class takes a break with their teacher Ena Lizeth Puto.



Don't Be Caught Snoozing!

Be sure to order your 2015 calendar featuring fun photos of CCS students dressed as the professionals they can be, thanks to your support. Heavy, card stock calendars (11" x 17" unfolded) cost \$20 each (plus p&h) of which \$10 is tax-deductible. The calendars make great hostess gifts or holiday presents. For more info, please email us at ProjectChacocente@gmail.com.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the following needs:

- Nelson Ortiz's recovery from hernia surgery.
 - CCS students in final exams.
 - People in climate-related distress everywhere.
 - Adequate funding for major year-end expenses.
 - The health of Doña Esther, the mom of Juan Carlos and Jose Luis Pais.
- Thank you!!

**Check out
Project Chacocente's
new web page!
www.outofthedump.org**

View from the Haze

By Cheryl Avery

Three months ago, when we published the last Chacocente News, Nicaragua was enduring the worst draught in 23 years. (Many farmers lost both harvests, while some eked out a sparse one. The students at Chacocente's school completely lost their harvest, which was to supplement our school lunches.)

Then the rains started, relentless and powerful, causing floods and mudslides. In Managua, in the neighborhood of 18 de Mayo, a wall gave way, crashing down on several houses and burying eight

people under the mud. Several people who survived were hospitalized with injuries.

In that same span, two earthquakes hit Nicaragua, one the magnitude of 7.2 on the Richter scale. (The quake that leveled Managua in 1972 measured 6.4.)

In Granada, the authorities are keeping watch over the Madras volcano which has belched more than 150 minor eruptions recently.

And don't forget the meteor that crashed into Tipitapa!

In the U.S., we heard all summer about the drought and forest fires in California, and the floods

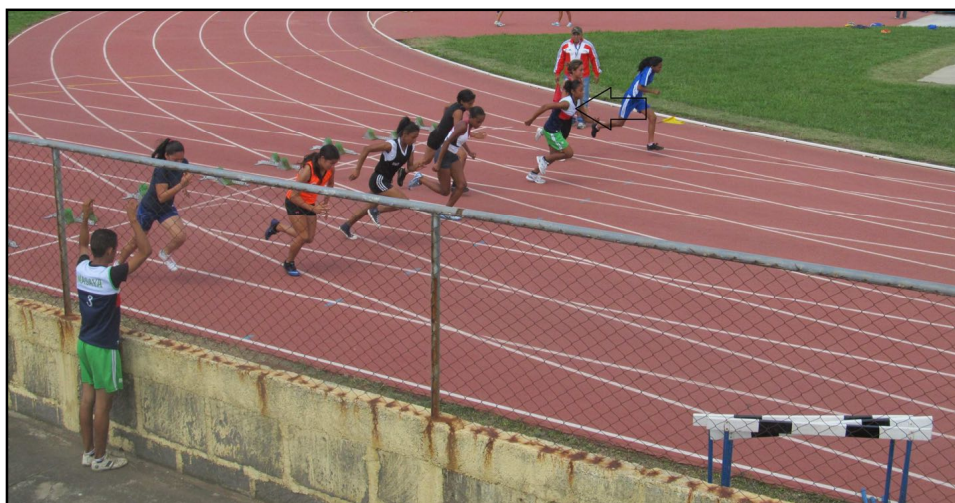
in the mid-West. But the U.S. is a big country. That doesn't make the disasters any less devastating for those impacted by them, but Nicaragua is dealing with all these calamities and it's just the size of Alabama!!

In late October, a Managua newscast noted that in spite of everything, Nicaraguans continue to smile. For those of you who have visited the Land of Lakes and Volcanoes, you have seen this for yourselves.

Commenting on the news report, Director Gabriel Godinez told me: "It's crazy. We think we live in Paradise."

And maybe they do.

Still, I'd like to invite you to keep the people of Chacocente, the surrounding neighborhood, and the entire country in your prayers.



In The News

At left, Daylin Vivas Mercado (in green shorts, running) sprints at a Masaya departmental sports competition as Gabriel Villareyna watches. Gabriel represented Chacocente in the boys' race.

Below left, CCS high-school students visited the Rubén

Dário Museum. The poet's portrait hangs on the back wall of photo.

Immediate left, CCS teachers partake of a training session by the Ministry of Education. They are Rubenia, Marbel, David, Madeline, Escarleth and Karen.



These students will join a very few who graduate from high school



Elmer Jose Mendieta Mercado
July 24, 1997

His favorite class is language and literature because he likes to learn how to analyze and to speak better; likes to read short stories. He has four siblings and wants to study architecture because he likes construction and making designs.



Henry de Jesús Valle Mercado
July 16, 1998

His favorite class is math because it has explanations for everything and is the basis for the other sciences. He likes to study to get ahead and prepare himself for the future; likes to read math texts. He has one sibling and would like to study automotive mechanics because he likes cars and likes to take them apart and repair them.



Deyling Leonela Vivas Mercado
December 20, 1997

Her favorite class is community living and civics because she likes to learn about the values that help students become better people; also likes to work on and read about computers to learn more about technology. She has seven siblings and would like to pursue microcomputers as a career.

¡Felicidades!

In November, the Chacocente Christian School will send out its first graduating class.

"We are extremely proud of them," says Director Ervin Ruiz. "They have worked hard and achieved a milestone that even today, is quite rare."

Along with their teachers and families, we wish them great success in life!

Photos & Bios by Mary Beth Kelley



Sergio de Jesús González García
May 19, 1994

His favorite subject is math because he likes the concentration required. His greatest desire has been to finish secondary school, and for this reason has asked God to give him good health. He wants to be someone consequential in life and to help other people. He likes to read poems "because the rhythm embellishes the verses". He has two younger siblings and would like a career in administration/management.



Heyling Iveth Martínez
October 9, 1995

She likes social science, to learn about her country and to read geography books. She plays soccer because it is a healthy way to exercise. She has five siblings, and would like to study medicine in order to help the people of her country.



Karen Anielka Munguía López
December 1, 1996

Her favorite class is English because it is important and required for almost any job. She likes to read novels. She has five siblings, and would like to be a flight attendant in order to travel and get to know other countries.



Osman Alonzo Valle Hernández
April 20, 1998

His favorite subject is math because he likes numbers and it always has credible explanations. He likes to play soccer, and learn about computers and all types of technology. He likes to read legends, stories and poems. He has four siblings, and would like a career in systems engineering.

Non-Profit, Once Again!

The Board of Directors announced in October that Chacocente has regained its status as a 501(c)(3) organization. All 2014 donations to the Project are retroactively tax-deductible.

A heart-felt thanks goes out to Valencia [CA] UMC for its valuable assistance over the past several months!

Website Updated

"Mil gracias," or a thousand thanks go out to Nancy Allenby and Mike Swanson for all the time, energy and creativity they spent over the past several months updating the Project Chacocente website.

To see what's new, go to www.outofthedump.org.

Make a Little Girl's Day!

How do you make "material aid" special? First, you create dresses just for them. Then you find good-hearted people to sponsor the dresses (\$20 each) and attach a personal note. Then 'gift' the dresses and watch the girls' eyes light up!!! Please see website for details.





CCS Students March Proudly in Masaya To Celebrate National Holidays



For the second consecutive year, the CCS Marching Band and related student dance and marching groups participated in the coveted holiday school parade.

Near left, several CCS students were honored by the Ministry of Education as Outstanding Students.



The Liberty Torch Lights Up Nicaraguan Sky

Every year, the Liberty Torch is passed hand-to-hand across Central America by the countries' best students. The September event stretches from northern Guatemala

to Costa Rica, changing hands every 100 meters or so to celebrate the territory's independence from Spain. The ceremony is coordinated by the respective Ministries of Education to give the high school students who participate a joyous and palpable sense of history.

Students from Chacocente's secondary school gladly took their turn, running along the Pan American Highway with the torch, the Nicaraguan flag and the Chacocente school flag.

More than 8,000 students participated in the 387-kilometer procession.



**Happy
Independence Day
September 15th, 2014**