



On behalf of Vision Nicaragua, thank you for joining our Sponsorship Program. Our prayer is that through the means of education, we can help alleviate the cycle of poverty in the community of Bethel and empower these young men and women to walk in the fullness of who they were created to be in Jesus Christ!

Empower (How we work): Your donation helps aid in the cost of tuition for your student to attend school. A portion of the donation also helps provide school supplies to the teachers and students if they are high school students. For university students, it depends on what you set up for them. A portion could help with transportation, copies, school supplies, lunch money, etc. Some of the private university programs will also require additional fees. Contact Marty for more information on this.

Equip (Our goals): Our goal is to equip the students of this community with a strong education that will allow them the opportunity to not only graduate from high school, but to also pursue college and subsequently, a career.

Engage (Writing to your student): We want to allow you the chance to connect with your student on a more personal level. We have provided guidelines and suggestions to help you with this process in the document included with this letter. We ask you to send the first communication if you desire to correspond with your student. We respect that some choose not to correspond.

We have included a letter template for you to write to your student. We will take them as we can. Family photos and a little about yourself are good. Please do not send gifts of money or valuable items. We ask that all correspondence and donations be handled through Vision Nicaragua.

By sponsoring a student, you are doing so much more than just financially supporting their education. You can become a voice in their lives saying, "You matter! I believe in YOU!" Thank you for being that voice! If you would like to learn more about ministry in a poor country, we recommend a book called **"When Helping Hurts"**. We have found this helpful.

Guidelines for Writing to Your Student/Things to Include:

- Describe yourself and your family (hobbies, interests, job, pets, where you live)
- Photos, stickers, cards, bookmarks, Bible verses or quotes, etc.
- Encouragement for your student!

Things to Avoid:

- Personal contact information (address, phone number, social media accounts, email address)
- Photos of material possessions (your home or car)
- Political affiliation or violence or sexual related content
- Unless you have confirmed a trip with Vision Nicaragua, please refrain from telling your student you will visit them or that they will visit you. (if you would like to learn more about a trip, please contact Ron or Marty Read)

Before mailing, make sure any items you wish to send fit into an 8x11 envelope. Please mail all letters or small gifts for your student to:

Vision Nicaragua c/o Student Sponsorship
PO Box 2172
Fairview, NC 28730

We are delighted to have you as a part of our team. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Vision Nicaragua Sponsorship Team – Carlos, Katerin, Marty, Massiel, Tonny

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Date/Fecha ____/____/____

Student Name/Nombre del estudiante: _____

Supporter's Name/Nombre del patrocinador: _____
