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If you want to help for a day, give them rice;
If you want to help for a while give them a tree;
If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education.

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Part One**

Looking Back at 2017

RESPONSIBILITY IN MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA

For the 2017 school year, our enrollment was approximately 450 students. Our special elementary school program for the working teenagers has been a huge success. Over the past seven years, several hundred teenagers attended our special primary school program, completing two grade levels in one year and graduating from sixth grade. In 2017, we needed only one class for the working students. We are still the only elementary and junior high school in the area.



(Pictured left: Junior high school English class. Right: Junior high school math class)

Our Kindergarten Teacher, Xiomara Eugarríos Ramos receives the Nicaragua National Teaching Award for her innovative approach to teaching reading

This is quite an honor considering that our school is located in one of the poorest areas of Nicaragua and an area that the government did not provide education.

Profesora Xiomara uses nature, art, and parent participation in her approach to teaching.



It is amazing that our school has produced a Silver Medal National Scholastic Competition Winner, A Gold Medal State Contest Poetry Winner, and a National Award Winning Teacher. All this in less than nine years.

OUR SCHOOL IN TIJUANA, MEXICO: LA ESCUELA DAVID LYNCH

Kindergarten School: Our main emphasis is early childhood education for the children living in the dirt-floored shacks around the old Tijuana municipal dump. That is where we operate a preschool/kindergarten for approximately 65 students, hold computer classes for 75 kindergarten, elementary, and junior high school students, and offer a summer school school/camp for approximately 125 students. (Pictured below, a sampling of the eager students whose educations you are sponsoring)



SUMMER CAMP

You made summer camp possible for one hundred twenty-five kids who enjoyed morning classes in art, computers, English, and sports. Afternoons included museums, the movies, parks, and the beach.



COMPUTER PROGRAM.

Professor Cristian, a former student, is teaching elementary and junior high school students how to use various computer programs. He also teaches them how to build a computer.



CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO and NICARAGUA

The most important gift we give to the children is an education. In 2017, you funded the education of approximately 600 students. It is the gift that lasts forever, being passed on from one generation to the next.

In addition, you played Santa to approximately 350 children in Mexico and 900 kids in Nicaragua. In Nicaragua you invited approximately 1,350 people to dinner and gave 250 extended families bags of groceries. Keep in mind, that many of the people who received the bags groceries, scavenge the garbage dump daily looking for food, and whatever else that may be worth a penny. The Nicaragua fiesta made the Nicaraguan national news. You can watch video from the Nicaragua National News coverage: See link at the bottom of this page. (Pictures: Three events—Our Santa project at the Special Education School, the David Lynch Kindergarten, and the fiesta in Nicaragua.)



THANK YOU

As always, friends, we thank you for your support in 2017. If you didn't receive a thank you card for your gift, please accept my apology. I do all the administrative office work alone, so sometimes I make mistakes. But that doesn't mean your gift is less appreciated. It means I should hire an assistant, but I won't. I prefer to use your donations for the education of the kids. Your continued support is both needed and appreciated, especially today.

Gratefully, *David Lynch, the Board of Directors, the Mexican Staff, the Nicaraguan Staff, and all of our students.*

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Videos: <https://www.facebook.com/CanalYesTVOFicial/videos/1561261637282903/> Nicaragua holiday party from the YES national news station

Mexico School: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4293C8Gv6Xw> (Created by Professor Cristian Quiroz.)