



# North Country Mission of Hope

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## Glossary of Terms and Pertinent Information

**ANF** = American Nicaraguan Foundation- location of where our CMMB shipments go..near Mateare.

**BANANA CAMP** = a tent city in Managua which is home to banana workers who have worked years for major fruit companies and have been exposed to illegal and banned chemicals.

**BARRIO** = a region or district within a village or location in Nicaragua. One example is Barrio Solano is a part of Nejapa and Chiquilistagua.

**CARITAS** = International Catholic Relief Organization

**Casa de Vida** = is a safe house in Managua for young girls and women who were/are victims of rape, abuse, abandonment, etc. They stay there before delivery of their child and may stay on afterwards, as needed.

**CFC** = Children Feeding Children Program is an MOH sponsored program which provides elementary school age children one nutritious balanced meal a day

**CHIQUILISTAGUA** = the name of the village outside Managua where our projects were initiated and from where we go out to do our Mission work. Pronunciation + Chic Key Lees Stog Gua.. We assist a school, church, and do community projects here as well as sponsor children for education in the school.

**CMMB** = Catholic Medical Mission Board- donates and ships medicines and medical equipment and supplies to ANF for the Mission

**COLEGIO NINO JESUS DE PRAGA** = School in Chiquilistagua, operated by Carmelite nuns...is also the location of NiCasa, church and clinic

**CORDOBA** = This is the name of the money used in Nicaragua....the official currency. One American dollar is about 19.65 Nicaraguan cordobas.

**DIRIAMBÁ** = city about 1 hour from Chiquilistagua where San Jose Hospital is located. Sister Ligia is the superior here.

**ECO** = A Mission program which focuses on ecological, environmental, nutritional, educational and community developments. The focus is on sustainable projects that can assist in self-empowerment solutions to hunger and disease, etc.

**EL CRUCERO** = Location of one of our orphanages for children over the age of 5. Sr. Teresita is superior there.

**FARM** = this is part of the orphanage up between Jinotepe and Diriamba. This is an organic farm that the nuns have developed to grow their own foods and raise livestock.

**ECO** has planted moringa trees there.

Glossary of terms, locations, personnel for North Country Mission of Hope

**HOGAR JUAN PABLO II**= Small baby/toddler orphanage located in a very poor section of Managua.

**HOME SHELTERS** = one room shelters that are constructed by teams of Mission volunteers and local Nicaraguans. Each shelter costs around \$650 and these funds are obtained via specific donations to the Mission of Hope.

**JUNTA** = Term used to describe the local council of leaders in Chiquilistagua

**LA CHURECA** = Name of the village at the Managua city dump, where more than 1500 live in horrible living conditions. We provide healthcare, food and other support to this area as needed. There is also a school here in La Chureca.

**LITTLE ITALY** = storage building at the Caritas location in Managua

**MANNA PROJECT** = Young volunteers from United States spend time in Nicaragua assisting at La Chureca, the dump village.

**MASAYA** = city where the nursing home, San Antonio, is located. This nursing home is operated by the same sisters as in Diriamba.

**MICASA OR MIESCASA** = the name used to describe the Mission of Hope facility being constructed in Nicaragua.

**MIES** = Mision Esperanza in Spanish and the official name of our organization in Nicaragua

**MINSA** = Ministry of Health for Nicaragua – Ministerio de Salud

**MOH** = Mission of Hope

**MOMBACHO** = mountain area with lush cloud rainforest, coffee plantations and is a volcano.

**MONTE VERDE** = very poor area nearby Chiquilistagua where we have constructed a chapel, shelters, etc.

**MORINGA TREE PROJECT** = This is directly related to our ECO efforts and is a tree with numerous valuable resources for nutrition and healthcare.

**NEJAPA** = another village nearby Chiquilistagua where we assist with a school and community projects and where we sponsor children for education.

**NICA** = Abbreviation for Nicaragua- eg., Nica time

**NiCarlos** = the name given to the small facility in Oscar and Yamilette's home that was donated to the Mission and is being used for small mission groups and/or storage.

**NiCasa** = Our temporary dormitory location in Nicaragua and part of the grounds at Nino Jesus de Praga

**PAJARITO AZUL** = this means Little Bluebird and is the name of the Disability Center for children of all ages and some adults who have grown up there. We provide services for a physical therapist plus medical and other items as needed.

**REFUGEE CENTER- ALSO KNOWN AS MATEARE** = A village formed outside Managua with displaced refugees from Hurricane Mitch. We provide a clinic and other assistance in this area.

**RICE AND BEANS** = This is an ongoing project with volunteers going out in the barrios with a local Nicaraguan representative to deliver two small bags of rice and one bag of beans to the poorest families. It is also done at the Banana Camp and at other locations as funds/donations allow. This outreach also provides a direct contact within the barrios to observe medical issues, etc.

### **Names of Key Personnel**

**Sister Debbie Blow, OP** – Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Mission of Hope

**Yamilette Flores** – Co founder of Mission and native Nicaraguan and life long member of Leadership Board

**Evelyn McGill** – Co-Founder of Mission and life long member of Leadership Board

**Sister Stephanie Frenette, OP** Dominican Sister of Hope representative on Leadership Board and coordinates Kitchen duties, etc.

**Oscar Flores** – Originally from Nicaragua, Vice President of Nicaragua Operations

**Bonnie Black** – President of Board

**James Carlin** – Vice-President of Board

**Roger Patnode** – Executive Secretary of Board

**Kathy Eppler** – Treasurer of Board

**James Lundy** – Recent Past President of Leadership Board

**Magaly Velasquez** – native Nicaraguan, leader of local council (junta) in Chiquilistagua and the point person for scholarships at Nino Jesus de Praga and Nejapa schools.

**Mauricio Flores** –Oscar’s brother and on site coordinator of all our programs for the Mission Projects in Nicaragua

**Inocencio Velasquez** – member of local junta in Chiquilistagua, works with community projects, such as home shelters

**Father Jalder** – new priest, assigned for Nejapa and Chiquilistagua

**Sister Rosa (superior) and Sr. Cecilia (teacher)**- Carmelite sisters at Nino Jesus de Praga- dressed in brown

**Sister Ligia** – superior of San Jose Hospital – dressed in white

**Sister Karla Maria** – former superior at Nejapa and now located in Northern Nicaragua

**Sister Teresita** - superior of El Crucero orphanage- dressed in red- died in Fall of 2009

**Sister Carla** - superior of El Crucero orphanage

**Sister Teresa**- one of San Jose sisters, director of nursing home in Masaya, connected with Sr. Ligia

**Dr. Melida Lopez** – our Mission of Hope doctor, operates our clinics in several villages

**Martha** – sister of Yamilette and Dr. Lopez’ medical assistant in our clinics

**Jairo**- driver for Mission, husband of Nora

**Nora** – relative of Oscar and Mauricio’s, wife of Jairo, our own cook when our groups are there, and mother of Alison.

**Allyson Fernanda** – Nora’s daughter and child whose life was saved by Mission two years ago.

**Chico I** – guard at Nino Jesus de Praga

**Chico II** – driver when needed and one of our construction leaders

**Juan** – guard at Nino Jesus de Praga

**Victoria** – local woman who does laundry for the Mission volunteers

**Boeresic** – weekend guard (sometimes) at Nino Jesus de Praga- speaks some English

**Jeremy Eppler** – former mission volunteer, just finished two year Peace Corps assignment in Nica and now resides in Managua...often joins our mission groups when his schedule allows

**Rene**- one of our van drivers when we are on Mission

**Will** – driver when needed in Nicaragua

**Luis** – bus driver of grey van and yellow school bus that we rent for our purposes while in Nicaragua

## **Other Pertinent Information**

### **Mission Volunteers – students and adults:**

Students- both high school and college age from numerous schools and Universities, often interested in social, human or medical services, Education and social justice issues.

Adults: all ages with varied occupations and life skills to offer

### **Mission Projects and Programs:**

1. Community Development
2. Ecological and Environmental
3. Educational
4. Healthcare and Nutrition

Leadership Team or Board – officially elected corporate board which organizes and administers all levels of the Mission of Hope.

A team – advance team of volunteers that arrives a few days before the start of each mission to prepare for the arrival of the larger group...and stays on for a couple days after to close up the living facilities, etc.

Medical team- each mission has a medical contingent which not only coordinates all healthcare projects while on mission but also assists in the health and care of each mission volunteer while on mission

### **Sponsorships:**

Sponsorship of a Nicaraguan child for education- includes schooling, uniform, shoes, socks and notebook. Cost = \$140 per child. More details available on Web site, i.e. [www.ncmissionofhope.org](http://www.ncmissionofhope.org)

Male sponsor is known as a Padrino (Godfather)

Female sponsor is known as a Madrina (Godmother)

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