



December 2020,

Dear Friends and Supporters of PAN Missions,

Next year will be the 20th anniversary of my first trip to Nicaragua. I was part of a team from my congregation that built two Sunday School rooms behind a church in a small village outside of Managua. The opportunity to give of ourselves in this way was life changing for the individuals involved, for our congregation and of course for our Nicaraguan partners. Those two Sunday School rooms grew into a school, which grew into another three classrooms, which grew into a partnership with Compassion International, a children's charity helping hundreds of children. That trip also became four additional team trips and quite a number of individual trips from our congregation.

All because of PAN Missions.

I struggle to count the number of lives changed both in Canada and Nicaragua and that's just me, and one congregation. There are so many, many more stories of God at work. What are your memories? How did God work in you, in your loved one's life, in your congregation, in your Nicaraguan friendships because of experiences PAN Missions facilitated for you? Were you part of a medical team or a sewing school? Did you deliver medicine to a hospital or bring supplies to an orphanage or share the gospel in a sports ministry? Did you, like me, also hear the words 'mas mezcla' (more mix) echoing in your sleep after an exhausting day on a build? Did you get to share a smile with a child, offer a prayer for a family, or worship with God's church in Nicaragua?

You did, because of PAN Missions.

As you might easily understand, the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020 has put the ministry of PAN Missions under considerable financial pressure. Teams and individuals travelling to Nicaragua is a primary source of revenue for the ministry. The Board of PAN Missions has been endeavouring to minimize expenses. Regretfully, hours of the staff at Jardin Shalom have been reduced, Nicaraguan ministry partners have been approached to come and volunteer with landscaping and upkeep, and the Board is seeking ways to have Jardin Shalom generate income locally without jeopardizing its charitable status (eg. with church conferences, retreats, etc.) PAN Missions has no Canadians receiving any remuneration or reimbursements of any kind. However these efforts will not be enough to sustain PAN Missions through until teams are travelling again, which will likely not happen before well into 2021.

Thus it is from a place of gratitude for how PAN Missions has facilitated my walk with God, and out of a desire to see this ministry endure that I ask if you would be willing to make a generous gift specifically to PAN Missions this calendar year. Your prayerful gift will help sustain the ministry until we can see teams return to share in God's work in Nicaragua. Give from your place of gratitude for what you've seen PAN Missions do in your and in Nicaraguan partner's lives.

You can give using any one of the following means;

- using the 'donate' link at panmissions.org
- sending a cheque to PAN Mission, c/o Deb Martin, P.O. Box 352, Arthur Ontario, N0G 1A0
- sending an e-transfer to accounting@panmissions.org

Please designate your gift, "PAN Missions".

Thank you so much



The Rev. Doug Schonberg
PAN Missions Board Member
(Nicaragua Alumnus 2001, 2008, 2014, 2017)

P.S.

To my friends of PAN Missions,

I personally want to thank the many of you who were so generous earlier this year and throughout the years. Your gifts have been sustaining PAN Missions, and have been a true God-send.

If you are willing, would you consider helping us share this letter by forwarding it to former team members or sharing it through your social media accounts? Thank you so much.

I look forward to seeing you at Jardin Shalom again soon!!



Annette