



Americas Association for the
Care of Children
PO Box 2154
Boulder, Colorado 80306
www.aaccchildren.org



January 14, 2008

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year and a simple note of gratitude to all of you for being part of AACC and PIEAT's many accomplishments this past year. The highlights include a **new educational center** in Champaigny and a full year's visit to each of the health clinics by a **dentist** and **doctor** each month. Also, the children from La Chureca, the barrio living on the largest landfill in Managua, now have their own **radio program** playing on the number one radio station in Managua! PIEAT also has a radio program. PIEAT has finished a 3-year **impact study** and is now presenting the program to the national ministries. The Ministry of Family is interested in using the PIEAT model nation wide.



A Dentist visits the Champaigny educational center

For all your support, confidence, and dedication in helping Nicaragua's children and their families, we send our deepest appreciation. With these good foundations laid, lives filled with hope can follow.

This photo captures the faces of some the children who study and play at the **new center in Champaigny**, one of our two neighborhood schools. They are such beautiful symbols of what AACC and PIEAT strive to teach those in charge of our future. We are trying to give opportunity to build a future by providing them with the necessary tools to contribute to making this world a peaceful and just place.



Three of these children from Champaigny lost their home to fire during our recent visit in November of this year. The little boy pictured was rescued by his 5 year-old sister (back left) after mosquito netting caught fire from a candle. Both children were in the home alone but managed to escape without injury. The family home and all possessions were destroyed in the fire. The new educational center in Champaigny and PIEAT working in the community provided food, clothing, and even a place to stay, in order to support these children and their family.

Your support directly impacts this work and continues to allow these loving gestures to happen!!

No contribution is ever too small....each individual donation helps us to fulfill the dreams of many children and families in Nicaragua. To each of you, we send our heartfelt thanks for your caring and your good wishes.

This year we hope to begin some new projects and finish several others, our priorities include:

- Installing new internal **windows** in the new center in Champaigny. Currently there are iron bars on the outside, we plan to install wooden shutters inside to keep out the rain (see picture on Pg.1). We estimate the cost for windows to be \$3500. We also hope to install some **furniture** in the library, health center, and one more classroom. Our estimated cost for the furniture is \$1800.
- After a formal needs assessment and impact study in the communities PIEAT is serving, PIEAT has discovered parasites to be a major health problem. With your donations we are hoping to purchase medication to rid the homes and communities of parasites. Fortunately the medication is inexpensive in Jalapa. This program has two main thrusts; education and follow up. PIEAT will host educational **workshops on basic health practices** for those in homes found to have the parasites, following the workshops the medicines will be handed out to the workshop participants. The PIEAT team will then make a minimum of four **house visits** to help ensure basic changes in daily health patterns. These visits will promote the use of potable water and teach safe cooking practices which will reduce the risk of future parasites. The cost for this program will be about \$50 per participant.
- AND our newest project, which we are very excited about is an education center. This will include two **homes for the orphans** of Jalapa, and a **wellness center** with frequent visits from a dentist, health practitioner, and psychologist. The facility will also house a **childcare center** for infants and toddlers.



Champaign center

***INTERESTED in joining a delegation and seeing your donations come alive?
Contact: dyoung_pieat@yahoo.com***



Lastly, our annual fundraiser – A Champaign Brunch & live auction at Aji’s restaurant on March 2nd is just around the corner. We will be sending out information in the next couple of weeks. Hope to see you all there!

YES, I CAN HELP!

(You can now donate online www.aaccchildren.net/donate)

- _____ I am interested in volunteering for AACC.
_____ I would like to make a tax deductible donation for the windows and/or furniture for Champaigny. \$_____.
_____ I may be interested in joining a delegation to help in Nicaragua in the coming year, please send me information.
_____ I am interested in a pledge of \$_____ for the construction of the orphanage and wellness center.

Name _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St. _____ Zip: _____

Please fill out and send to AACC, PO Box 2154, Boulder, CO 80306

And visit us at our website www.aaccchildren.org or email dyoung_pieat@yahoo.com



