

# Amigos for Christ

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December 2002

## Our Purpose

A few years ago at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the start line for the 100-yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with relish to run the race to the finish and win. All that is, except, one little boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a few times, and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and looked back. They all turned around and went back--every one of them.

One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked to the finish line together. Everyone in the stadium stood, and the cheering went on for several minutes. People who were there are still telling the story. Why? Because deep down inside of us, we all know one thing. What matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What matters in this life is helping others win even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

The poor in Nicaragua are like the little boy that fell. Their circumstances are not always of their choosing. The Amigos for Christ want to be the little girl. We want the poor to win. God has asked us to help them win by providing the resources they are not able to get for themselves. We want to link arms with them and walk across the finish line together.

We are God's hands here on earth. We welcome your help and encourage your participation. Your life will be changed! Please contact us anytime. God bless.

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## Thank you for your support this year!

We would like to keep you informed about how we use your donations. Here is where they were used in 2002:

### **Projects Funded:**

Project	Amount	Percent
Education	\$ 174,293.64	38.74%
Missions	\$ 107,249.74	23.84%
Water	\$ 69,899.72	15.54%
Medical	\$ 56,178.71	12.49%
Churches	\$ 20,465.45	4.55%
Feeding	\$ 16,176.81	3.60%
Housing	\$ 2,666.51	0.59%
Youth Sports	\$ 1,517.40	0.34%
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,422.94	0.32%
Total	\$ 449,870.91	100.00%

### **Goods Donated:**

Project	Amount	Percent
Medical	\$3,758,889.00	86.33%
Clothing	\$ 535,817.39	12.31%
Education	\$ 20,904.03	0.48%
Youth Sports	\$ 23,593.15	0.54%
Water	\$ 13,841.36	0.32%
Missions	\$ 1,011.00	0.02%
Total	\$4,354,055.93	100.00%

We pray to be good stewards of your donations.

**Total Aid YOU provided the poor in 2002: \$4,803,926.84**

**Amigos for Christ Operating Expense: 1.79%**

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

There is so much more to be done and so many projects to maintain. We humbly ask for your help at this year-end. Our projects not only aid the poor, but help them to help themselves. We provided jobs for 8 teachers, 2 doctors, 2 nurses, 4 water well drillers, and various laborers. Please consider becoming a monthly donor so we can support these important projects:

Project	Need
Home/School for Abandoned Blind Children	\$1200/mo
Home for Abandoned Handicapped Kids	\$1450/mo
Feeding Centers	\$1600/mo
Vocational Training Center	\$2100/mo
Medical Clinic and Mobile Unit	\$2450/mo
Community Water Well	\$2500/well

**Please review the attached card to see how you can help. We are dependent on your generosity.**

## **MISSION TRIPS FOR 2003**

### **EXPERIENCE THE LIFE OF THOSE WE SERVE!**

You are cordially invited to participate in our mission trips to Chinandega this year. Your life will never be the same. Sign-up now as space is limited. The dates:

**March 8 (Sat) – March 15 (Sat)**

**April 5 (Sat) – April 13 (Sun)**

**June 7 (Sat) – June 15 (Sun)**

**July 26 (Sat) – Aug 3 (Sun)**

There are also opportunities for longer-term summer missions and for well drilling trips. Please contact our office.

“What you did for the least, you did for me...”



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## **Getsemani Boys' Choir**

*Boys take Atlanta and New Orleans by Storm*

Wow! The month of October provided some of the most memorable moments of the year as the Getsemani Boys' Choir performed at over 30 different locations in Atlanta and New Orleans. Some of the highlights included two very successful galas at the Fabulous Fox Theater in Atlanta and the Riverfront Room at Jackson Brewery in New Orleans. They were the hit of the Mensaje Spanish Festival in New Orleans as thousands danced to their songs. In addition, the choir visited many schools, churches, and other venues and brought smiles to all they met. Thank you to everyone who helped organize all these awesome events and made the boys feel welcome.

These boys also taught us the meaning of sacrifice. Leaving their homes for 2 months (the youngest is 8 years old), they sang, played, and danced simply to bring hope to the many poor children that are in Nicaragua. We thank them for teaching us such an important lesson.

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