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Changing lives one family at a time!

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We have no paid employees,
and are most grateful to our
100% Volunteer Board and Staff.

**"WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF
MY BROTHERS, YOU DO FOR ME."**
Matt 25:40

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FATHER CHUCK'S CHALLENGE



*To show his Infinite Love
for us, THE WORD OF GOD
pierced time and came
into our world as a
vulnerable Infant.
Thus began His journey
to the Cross
and our salvation.
Praised be Jesus Christ!*

May God bless you abundantly!

Father Chuck's Challenge Volunteers

Personal Reflection from Volunteers

*We support Father Chuck's Challenge not
only because of their wonderful mission, but
because we have seen the mission in action. Our
multiple trips to Nicaragua have been very eye
opening and rewarding.*

*We realized how fortunate we are just to
have basic things like running water and a roof
over our heads. We got to see contributions in
action, from donated chicken coops with hens,
(eggs), and roosters feeding families, to clinical
and educational supplies for the clinics and
schools we funded.*

*Everything Father Chuck's Challenge
provides is so much appreciated by the many
beneficiaries. They take nothing for granted
and are so warm and welcoming when we visit.*

*Nancy Sharp and
Holly Walsh*

A NOTE FROM FATHER KENNEDY

Advent – Christmas 2020



Dear Friend of Father Chuck,

It is good to see Advent and Christmas coming into focus. It is a season of hope and anticipation. Fortunately, the joy we celebrate comes at the end of a year unlike any we have experienced.

It has been a year of challenges and trials, when even our public pious practices have been limited. Father Chuck's Challenge was asked to go beyond the outreach of providing sturdy homes for the most distressed in our hemisphere.

A special appeal was made to prevent starvation among the villages we built. The answer to that appeal was generous, exceeding expectations. Our literature always includes the passage, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to me" (Mt. 25:40). We are collectively following Christ's words in all of this.

Please consider continuing your assistance to those who represent Christ for us in the present. We are told that even a cup of water given in his name will have its reward. While we are in this not for our own rewards, we have proper satisfaction by reaching out to those whose needs are greater than our own.

We thank God for the many blessings given to Fr. Chuck's Challenge, you the donors and all who work with us in this mission. May you have a Blessed Christmas with the realization that Jesus is using all of us in caring for His people.

Blessings in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev Charles J Kennedy".

Rev. Charles J. Kennedy

'TIS THE SEASON!

Turning Shipping Boxes into Houses!

Whether you are shopping for Christmas or stocking up on toilet paper, AmazonSmile is a simple way to support our families (at no extra cost to you) each time you shop. Visit smile.amazon.com, and select Father Chuck's Challenge – and the AmazonSmile Foundation with donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases. Clicking "Add to Cart" will never feel so good!



Give a Gift that Truly Keeps on Giving!

Christmas shopping this year will look quite different than in years past. Making a donation to Father Chuck's Challenge in the name of a friend or loved one is not only thoughtful but can be done from the safety of your home. A twofold gift to both your immediate recipient and the eventual home owner in Nicaragua or Haiti, and it is also tax-deductible.

Safe, solid homes are foundational for more opportunity, continued education, and income generation -- so your gift continues long after your Christmas tree comes down!

NEEDS AND PROGRESS IN NICARAGUA

GPS Panali: 13° 31' 14.6" N, 85° 58' 44.3" W

GPS Jicaro: 13° 43' 19.7" N, 86° 08' 13.4" W

Due to travel restrictions around the world, we were unable visit Nicaragua this summer. However, our work continues due to your unwavering support and our dedicated partners at *Food for the Poor* and *The American Nicaraguan Foundation*.

The current construction of homes supported by Father Chuck's Challenge is 50% complete, with the schedule being pushed back by just about a month due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During our last update, the team on the ground was hopeful they would be able to complete the next phase by the end of October, before the seasonal rains start, including the planting of trees which will work to combat deforestation and provide shade.

Thanks to your generosity and extra donations over the summer, we were able to augment building homes by also supplying furniture, improving community living, and distributing food packs to a number of families in the communities we reach. These consisted of rice and beans, white corn for tortillas, vegetable oil, cereal blend, a bar of soap, and masks.

While there is always more work to be done, our communities are thriving. The families have started income generating projects and we have even heard reports of families selling eggs from the chickens they've acquired through Father Chuck's Challenge and, in turn, "re-investing" in more chickens!

To date, a total of 25 families in Quilali have received new homes with private sanitation and access to a clean water supply – a significant improvement to their quality of life, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We request your continued support to allow us to provide this basic necessity to additional families.

80 children will benefit from construction of the 2-room school in Panali, Nicaragua which is 95% complete.



COMMUNAL CELEBRATION:

Do you miss celebrating mass with your faith community? Traveling? Visiting with friends?
We do too!

Plans are in the works to coordinate a virtual Mass with the communities we serve. Be sure to Like us on Facebook and include your email address with your donation so we can keep you updated as we finalize these plans



NEEDS AND PROGRESS IN HAITI

GPS Source Matelas:
18° 42' 53.8" N, 72° 21' 59.3" W

In Haiti, access to food and steady work has been made even more difficult by COVID-19. Thanks to your kindness over the summer, we were able to distribute food in two phases to the families in *Source Matelas*. It "was an absolutely awesome gesture" and the families are "extremely grateful," we've been told from our Food for the Poor partners.

While the first ten families have received their keys and become proud homeowners, the next ten families are eagerly anticipating their move-in and are actively assisting with carrying construction materials -- under contractor supervision. The trenches have been excavated and foundation walls have been mounted. Phase 1, which will also include the construction of the community center, is expected to conclude with the completion of these next ten homes by the end of October.

Sandra Dorelus and her family rely on her income from selling candy to repair her current, unstable home. The prospect of her new home has given her hope. "I know it will be a joyful moment. Thank you so much for this change that you are giving us to live differently."

Sandra Dorelus and her family are incredibly grateful for their new home!



The construction site being prepared.



Foundation walls being completed.



PARISH APPEALS

Our families rely on your donations to lift them out of abject poverty and provide hope and opportunity. With restrictions over the past few months, we've had to curtail our parish visits which allow us to broaden our reach beyond our mailing list. As we open up again, we'd like to fill our calendar - would your parish or group benefit from hearing about our mission? Virtual conversations welcome also!

Please contact us at fatherchuckschallenge@gmail.com.



Scan with your smartphone to easily donate through our website.

BENEFICIARIES – NICARAGUA & HAITI



Your generosity has helped to move Blanca Amelia Polanco and family from
←this to this!→
(in Panali, Nicaragua)



And you've blessed this family with improved sanitation and water supply!



Thank you for making this Christmas brighter for these proud new homeowners In Nicaragua!



*Blanco,
Amelia Polanco,
Carmen del Socorro
Tercero Jarquin, Clelian
Ibeth Zeledon Argujio, Eligia*

Can we count on you to continue our mission in the New Year?

*Moreno Rocha, Engracia Chavarria
Zeledon, Eudocia Medina Tercero, Francisca
del Carmen Lumbi Lopez, Jasmina de Fatima
Rivera Castro, Jeaneth Blandon Osorio, Jessenia
Moreno Merlo, Josefa Lumbi Arauz, Juana del
Rosario Gonzalez Mañoz, Maria Leonor Aguilar
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**New homes +
clean water supply
= happy families!**



YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU!



*Wise sages brought valuable gifts to a Child
Who was lying in the animal feeding trough
of a little stable.*

*Thank you for gifting poor children,
who lived in plank and plastic wrapped shacks
in Nicaragua and Haiti,
with comfortable beds in safe houses
and clean water to drink!*

Your gifts are extremely valuable to them!

As you read in the previous pages there are many more families whose basic needs are not being met. We rely heavily on you, our wonderful donors, to be generous in your contributions so that families who are living in dire poverty might have decent homes, with beds where they and their children can sleep, along with clean water for drinking, washing dishes and for healthy hygiene.

We salute our monthly donors for their steadfast generosity.

We greatly appreciate those whose financial situations allow them to be most generous in funding houses with all the furniture, trees, chickens, training etc. for the poor.

We extend a special thank you to the gracious souls who truly give from the little they have.

We thank those who faithfully request matching gifts from the companies where they are employed or have retired. This is the perfect way to double your donation.

We are blessed by those who seek donations in memory of a loved one and have their family and friends do the same.

Special thanks to Father Anthony Hangholt at Saint Philip Neri Parish, Pennsburg, for allowing us storage space in the old school for our fundraising materials.

God knows the hearts of all His children. He knows the sacrifices our donors make to help us, and especially during 2020 with all the challenges it has brought. Over the last 13 years over 9,000 people have been blessed by your generosity and now have the dignity of being true homeowners.

***Words cannot adequately express the gratitude we have for all of you!
We pray for all our donors, especially those touched by the Coronavirus.
We ask that God bless you abundantly,
keep you safe and healthy,
and grant you all a joyous Christmas
and a fantastic 2021!***



***As always, we are most appreciative of Monsignor Francis X. Schmidt for his wisdom
and continued encouragement as we seek the Face of Jesus in His poor
and work to meet their needs.
God bless you and thanks, Monsignor!***
