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March 2012 Service Trip to Nicaragua

Down to Business!

We would like to thank all of you who have confirmed their registrations with final payment. If anyone has not completed your payment in full then please do so right away – the deadline is Jan. 15th!!

Once this deadline is past we will send out your group assignments. Then your group leader will contact you about supplies and projects. We are short a leader for the Arts/Education group if anyone would like to volunteer – we can assist anyone who wants to step forward!

Exciting Stuff!

We have had interest from a television station in Miami, **Telemundo-51**, to do a report about our program in Nicaragua. They are currently planning to send a reporter and camera man to be embedded with us for part of the week. This should be excellent!

Luncheon in New York

We also want to invite those of you in the New York area to save the date of Feb. 25th for a lunch get together for YASC Nicaragua participants. Our board member Crystal Astrachan, who will also be on the trip, will be organizing this event and will send more details soon!

Important Information

Please do not ship anything directly to Nicaragua. We must bring all items ourselves to avoid supplies being held up in customs, stolen or lost. As you know third world countries do not function as we are used to here in the US and this is one area that it is especially problematic.

All doctors and medical professionals will need to give us a list of all the medical supplies including stethoscopes that they will be bringing with them. We will need the name of the supplies, quantity and expiry dates along with the flights that will be used to transport these products at least six weeks before they land in Nicaragua. If we do not

provide this, the medical supplies may be confiscated upon landing.

All medical professionals will also have to send us a copy of their Diploma from Medical school, a copy of their current license and a brief resume to be submitted to the Nicaraguan authorities to allow you to practice in their country. We have enclosed the standard form we have been asked to use and an information sheet with this Newsletter and if you have any questions please contact us.

We would also like to advise all volunteers to check with the CDC about the suggested vaccinations and travel advisories for Nicaragua. Their web page is <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

Where are we going - really!

Hotels

This is the list of the places that we will be staying depending on what group you are working with:

Managua - March 10th & 16th

Best Western Mercedes (YASC group except YSN)

Km 11 Carretera Norte, Managua, RD-46, NI
Phone: 505 22 55 99 00 Fax: 505 22 63 10 82

CEPAD Compound (YSN group)

Puente Leon 1-1/2 cuerdas arriba
Managua, NI
505-2270-5018

Matagalpa - March 11th-15th

Mana Del Cielo (single rooms & YSN)

Banpro 2c. al sur - Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Teléfonos: (505) 2772 - 5686 / (505) 2772 - 0150 |
Móvil: (505) 8406 - 5229

San Thomas (YASC Group)

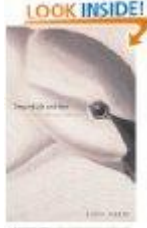
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350 metros al Este., Matagalpa
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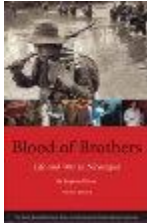
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Suggested Books to Read



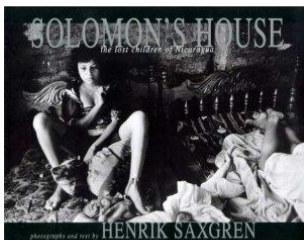
“Songs of Life and Hope/Cantos de vida y esperanza” by Ruben Dario

Nicaragua is known as a land of poets and this book’s introduction places this singular poet—arguably the greatest to emerge from Latin America in modern literature—and his best and most widely known work in historical and literary context.



“Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua”

(David Rockefeller Center Series on Latin American Studies) by Stephen Kinzer
In 1976, at age twenty-five, Stephen Kinzer arrived in Nicaragua as a freelance journalist--and became a witness to history. This is the dramatic story of the centuries-old power struggle that burst into the headlines in 1979 with the overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship. It is a vibrant portrait of the Nicaraguan people and their volcanic land, a cultural history rich in poetry and bloodshed, baseball and insurrection.



“Solomon's House: The Lost Children of Nicaragua” By Henrik Saxgren

Solomon's House is Danish photojournalist Henrik Saxgren's harrowing account of the dissolution of the social fabric in Nicaragua in the years following the revolution. The book opens with a Preface by Nicaraguan-born Bianca Jagger, an ardent spokesperson for human rights and children's issues in Central America.

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Best Western, Managua

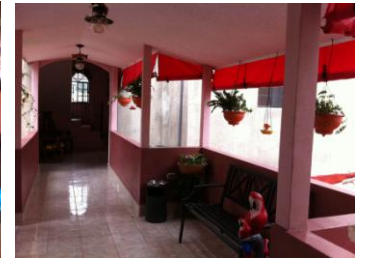


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Mana del Cielo, Matagalpa

Extension



Barcello