

Towards Freedom

Partnering with the Poor...
Building Lives & Sustainable Communities in Nicaragua



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Sarah Junkin Woodard comes to us from the Center for Development in Central America (CDCA), the Nicaraguan project of the non-profit, faith-based organization, the Jubilee House Community (JHC). Before moving to Nicaragua in 1994, the JHC operated shelters for the homeless and battered women in Statesville, NC. Ministering in Nicaragua since then, the CDCA seeks to respond to human needs created by poverty in a nation where 45% of the population lives on less than \$1.00/day, the second poorest in the western hemisphere. The CDCA is working towards freedom from poverty, helping communities become self-sufficient, sustainable, democratic entities, focusing its work in the areas of sustainable economic development, organic agriculture, appropriate technology, education, and health care. The CDCA also serves as the Nicaraguan conduit for Peaceworks, shipping donations to others. Sarah says, "The CDCA has been called to work with, and speak on behalf of, the poor in our area of Nicaragua, and to share their lives and stories with folks in the U.S., to bridge the gap between us and our neighbors." Proceeds from craft sales go to the operating expenses of the project.