Country Facts
Area: 50,336 square miles – slightly smaller than New York state

Population: 6,301,880 (2022 est.)

Languages: Spanish (official) 95.3%, Miskito 2.2%, Mestizo of the Caribbean coast 2%

Issues: One of the poorest countries in Latin America; earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, extremely susceptible to hurricanes

NPH Nicaragua At a Glance
Opened: May 10, 1994

Location: Casa Padre Wasson is 45 minutes southwest of Managua in Jinotepe

NPH Operates:
- Family-style home
- School (grades K - 11)
- Medical clinic
- Farms and greenhouses
- Vocational workshops

Community Programs include an academic scholarship program, meals and healthcare for children/youth in the community, NPH OneFamily which provides services to families in need, and the “Good Samaritan” and San Jorge programs.

NPH Nicaragua 2021 Impact

- 350 children and adults supported
- 137 local people employed
- 53 K - University graduates
Did You Know?

- Marlon Velásquez, NPH Nicaragua’s National Director, is an *Hermano Mayor* (“Older Brother”), who was raised at NPH Honduras.

- Originally, children age 8 and older lived on Ometepe Island and those under age 7 lived in San Jorge on the mainland. An earthquake and volcanic activity on the island caused a temporary evacuation of the home in August 2005, and due to ongoing safety concerns, new property was acquired. The new site, Casa Padre Wasson, opened in December 2011.

- The farms have a variety of fruits and vegetables, as well as chickens, cows, fish and pigs.

- The wastewater treatment system works without electricity or chemicals and the treated water is used for irrigation of green areas, gardens and agricultural programs.

- The vocational workshops offer certification in shoe-making, sewing, residential electricity, welding, computers, and English.

- The “Good Samaritan” program provides physical, motor, intellectual, and sensory therapies to children living with disabilities, and also supports in-house instruction for parents of disabled children.

- In 2021, nearly 80 children in the San Jorge community benefitted from therapies, transport to medical appointments at external hospitals, and primary medical care by NPH doctors.

- Despite challenges brought on by COVID-19, NPH Nicaragua provided tools and resources to help youth transition into self-sufficient adults via vocational training, certifications, and workshops.

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