



Mission Partner of the Month February 2020

Serving in Nicaragua



When a team recently visited the school in Las Breñas, which was built with money from the St Michael's Heart of the Community tithe fund, it was clear from the smiles that the community is so happy with the facilities - and attendance numbers have almost doubled. We had great fun playing catch with the children on the sports field that we made. The children also

performed songs and dances at the opening of Taleno school in the next village.

This was inauguration day at Taleno school. It was a truly joyous occasion. Peace and Hope's focus on health and education is certainly bearing fruit.



Again, this year we have provided uniforms and school equipment to more than 260 children in Bluefields to allow them to attend school. The new school year starts on 3rd February 2020.



The Mary Anne Vocational Centre received a bit of a revamp over the last twelve months with new sewing machines added and different classes on offer. This included piñata making and these wonderful hair products made from the thrown away coconut husk. There are more exciting plans to extend the classes on offer and to offer sewing classes at another location. The legacy left in Mary Anne Bromberg's name has been

wonderful. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Peace and Hope store in Herefordshire is now full to brimming again. Containers were sent to both Nicaragua and the Philippines last year, plus warm clothes were sent to Romania and medicines to Syria. The Nicaraguan customs now charge a duty on all

imported clothing which is another challenge to our attempts to help the poorest of the poor.

Later this month a team led by dentist Will Hanks will be relieving pain in the remote communities along the Rio Grande River. Based in the La Barra research station the team will have daily clinics in riverside communities seeing approximately 80 patients per day. Many of these communities prior to previous Peace and Hope visits didn't know what a toothbrush was, let alone a dentist.



This year's main building project is to construct a school in the community of San Sebastian. It is where the children of Las Breñas and Taleno will go to senior school. Educating the people of Nicaragua out of poverty remains a key focus for the Peace and Hope Trust and the strong links that we have developed are paying dividends.

The Peace and Hope Trust would like to thank St Michael's Church Stoke Gifford for its invaluable and continued support.

Please pray for:-

- All who will join a Peace and Hope Team this year. In particular, our CEO Stephen Ind and his wife Katherine, currently in country, and the Dental team also on their way.
- Pray that there is a relaxing of the taxes on imported clothing (even second hand), as it seriously effects our container operations in Nicaragua.
- Pray for the continued success of the Mary Anne Vocational Centre and that any changes will have a positive impact on even more lives.
- Pray for the planning of and fundraising for the building project in San Sebastian.
- Pray for all of the children who are attending schools built by the Trust as they start their new school year.
- Pray for peace to be maintained and an end to the political unrest that has effected Nicaragua over the past couple of years.

To find out more about the work of the Peace and Hope Trust and how you can help, please see the website: <https://www.peaceandhope.org.uk/> or contact the St Michael's Church link: Janice Wade