





VISION

We envision disciples making disciples in Nicaragua—impacting families, churches, communities, and businesses.

MISSION

We exist to make disciples of Jesus in Nicaragua through clean water, education, and mentorship.



Too often, we lose sight of the *WHY*.

We chase big things—dream homes, vacations, success—believing they'll satisfy us. But I've found that fulfillment often comes from the most unexpected places. I've planned dream trips that felt underwhelming, only to have a work trip to Nicaragua fill my soul in ways I never imagined. I once asked my kids if they'd rather go to Disney World again or go back to Nicaragua. Without missing a beat, they chose Nicaragua.

When folks go on trips with SuNica, they return transformed, talking about the people. They find life in the bonds they build... but why? Why do rural Nicaraguan communities offer more fulfillment than a dream vacation?

In Matthew 10:39, Jesus says, *"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

The Christian life is full of paradoxes. The infinite God becomes a baby. The weak are strong. The last are first. A life lost is a life found. **There's power in giving up your desires to move toward**

God and others. In doing so, you find the life you were made for. It's in dying to yourself that you become most alive.

That's often what happens when folks visit Nicaragua. People are swept up in the relational atmosphere, where life centers on God's work and the people He's working through. In loving others and letting go of personal wants, they find true life.

Doña Zorayda found life in an unexpected way. At 20, she dreamed of starting over in the U.S., but that door never opened. Instead, she became SuNica's chef, pouring her energy into serving others. In that sacrificial service, she discovered the deeper life Jesus spoke of—a **life found not in personal gain, but in giving and in community**. Like Zorayda, many others have found life in surprising ways, and you'll read their stories throughout this report.

Thank you for 15 years of love, support, and shared purpose with SuNica. What a gift we've found.

With gratitude,

Alan Wilser, Co-Founder and Director

AT OUR *CORE*

The HEART behind our programs.

At SuNica, our programs are built on one foundational truth: lasting change begins with **relationship**. Whether it's clean water, education, or mentorship, everything we do flows from a desire to walk with people toward the life God intends for them.



CLEAN WATER

Before breaking ground on any water project, we take the time to build trust with the community. This ensures that when the first trenches are dug, local leaders are well-prepared to steward the system. And when water finally flows into every home, it's more than access—it's ownership and dignity.



EDUCATION

We support education by providing scholarships, tutoring, and mentorship to help students stay in school and gain a vision for their futures. Students have the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and pursue better futures for themselves and their families.



MENTORSHIP

Through soccer, skits, and shared meals, kids are given the space to simply be kids. But beneath the fun is something much deeper—investing in them, pointing them to Jesus, and helping them grow in confidence, purpose, and faith.

Our Monthly Giving Program for Clean Water

pipeline

Our Discipleship & Education Program

THRIVE

A group of young people are playing soccer in a grassy field. In the foreground, a young woman in a blue jersey is running towards the left. To her left, a group of young men in yellow jerseys are standing. In the background, several other young people are watching or playing. The field is surrounded by a fence and trees. The sky is blue with some clouds.

FINDING *JOY*

Many children are forced to grow up far too quickly. Our programs give them the space to play, dance, enjoy being a kid, and discover a God who gives every good thing.

THRIVE MILESTONES

Our discipleship and education program in action.

IN 2024, WE DISTRIBUTED:

292

school
uniform shirts

146

backpacks

146

school uniform pants
and shoes

WE HAD A TOTAL OF:

143

students in
THRIVE

81

pre-leaders

42

students sponsored
to attend university*

**Up 62% from 2023!*

pipe|line MILESTONES

Our clean water program in action.

In 2024, we achieved some big wins in the places we serve, including a retreat with the water committees (CAPS) from each community! This was a meaningful time to hear about their growth and challenges, and be encouraged as the newest committee, Los Ranchos, shared their desire to make disciples through clean water.

LOS RANCHOS:

- ➔ Completed tank installation
- ➔ Finished the PVC mainline installation

SAN CARLOS:

- ➔ Built a women's and men's bathroom in a discipleship space



Bringing *HOPE* to the surface.

SACRED FOREST MILESTONES

Our discipleship retreat center in action.

At the Sacred Forest, students, leaders, and families experience the wonder of God's creation and the nearness of His presence.

IN 2024, WE:

served	hosted	employed	employed
246	35	10	9
visitors	groups	part-time staff	full-time staff

"[In the Sacred Forest] there's always a sense of vulnerability. Mealtimes become a space where you have the chance to share your story. There's something about the Forest that feels both revealing and safe at the same time. Friendships deepen. People let go of cliques. There's real freedom in that."

— Josh Pease, Local Director

NICARAGUA



STORIES WAITING TO BE *FOUND*



JOSE ANTONIO

Found through *GRACE*.

Jose Antonio, SuNica's longtime water engineer, knows what it means to be strong. But last year, a painful fall in the Sacred Forest left him physically broken and spiritually emptied. After recovering from knee surgery, only to be injured again, he found himself wrestling with frustration and the silence of God.

So he returned to the Forest with local director Josh—this time, to just be still. There, in the silence, something shifted. The pain was

still there, but so was peace. **God's nearness began to feel like enough.**

Jose Antonio later shared a devotional on how trials can be both a temptation and test. His journey through injury, disappointment, and healing has made him more than a leader—he's a living reminder that even when everything falls apart, we are never alone. **Jose Antonio was found in a hard place—and is now leading others with renewed clarity and grace.**



OSLIN

Found through *BELONGING*.

Oslin grew up with deep wounds. Abandoned by his parents and raised by his grandmother, he entered SuNica's discipleship program as a shy, guarded boy. That's where he met Leo, a discipleship leader with a similar past. Leo saw Oslin's potential, helped him realize that he had a purpose, and that God had a good plan for him.

Through Bible studies, birthday celebrations, beach trips, and one powerful retreat in the Sacred Forest, Oslin began to believe that he was not forgotten. When his mom reached out years later, the hurt didn't just

disappear—but the forgiveness planted in his heart during that retreat helped him respond with grace.

Today, Oslin is mentoring younger boys, volunteering at his church, leading a soccer group, and returning to school with the help of a SuNica scholarship. His story isn't a headline—it's the slow, steady kind of transformation that only happens when someone is truly known and deeply loved.

Oslin had been found—not just by a mentor, but by a Father who will never leave him.

Where the gospel gets **PERSONAL.**



ZORAYDA

Found through **PURPOSE.**

Doña Zorayda is more than SuNica's beloved cook—she's a radiant force of joy and faith. But her story, like so many others, began with hardship. At age 20, she left Nicaragua for the U.S. in search of a better life, only to land in a Mexican prison. With the help of kind strangers and a renewed trust in God, she returned home and began to rebuild.

Eventually, she found SuNica... or maybe SuNica found her. Now, after eight years on staff, she sees the kitchen as her sanctuary. From planning meals to her early morning prayer rhythms, she pours

love into every detail. Her *sopa de res* is legendary, but it's her heart for people that makes every meal memorable.

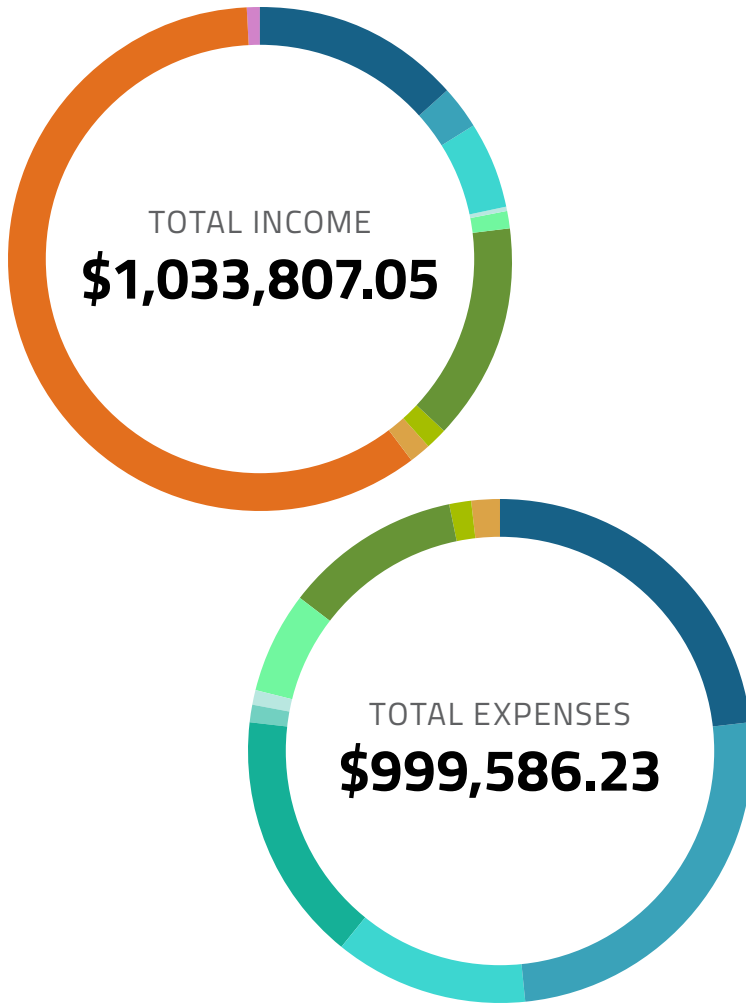
Zorayda says she was born to cook. But it's her faith—steady, warm, ever-present—that fills the kitchen even more than the aroma of her Jalapeño Chicken dish (Alan's favorite!).

Every meal she prepares is more than a job—it's an act of worship. And through her unwavering faith, we see God too.



BECAUSE YOU *GAVE*

Resources that reached hearts, homes, and communities.



SuNica believes in being transparent and straightforward about monies received and spent by the organization. We continue to maintain our commitment to nonprofit transparency and accountability by providing updated data and information to GuideStar, the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations.

	INCOME	EXPENSES
Nicaragua Based		
● Water & Sanitation	\$138,863.59	\$171,126.36
● THRIVE – Education & Discipleship	\$29,793.84	\$186,257.16
● Staff Support	\$57,986.00	\$91,816.21
● General Fund Nicaragua	—	\$118,055.15
● El Limonal Community Center	—	\$8,289.24
● Salinas Community Center	\$1,000.00	\$6,954.68
● Sacred Forest Fund	\$11,410.50	\$48,062.04
● SuNica Trips	\$144,567.96	\$83,954.17
● SF Coffee	\$13,962.69	\$10,367.35
● The Curiosity Circle	\$15,630.01	\$13,529.38
● General (<i>Unrestricted</i>)	\$613,325.66	—
Sub-totals	\$1,026,540.25	\$738,411.74
USA Based		
● Fundraising	—	\$112,356.84
● US Staff (<i>CEO, Admin, Dev. Director, etc.</i>)	\$7,266.80	\$108,623.97
● US Operations	—	\$29,820.02
● US Staff Travel to Nicaragua	—	\$5,373.66
● US Office Rent	—	\$5,000.00
Sub-totals	\$7,266.80	\$261,174.49
2024 TOTAL	\$1,033,807.05	\$999,586.23

TREASURE WORTH *FINDING*

*Uncovering what matters **MOST**.*

This work doesn't happen overnight, and it doesn't happen alone. Your support helps us continue to find what matters most. Here's how you can join in:



JOIN US IN NICARAGUA!

Our trips are more than service opportunities—they're invitations. Invitations to witness God at work, to be encouraged by the faith of our staff and students, and to experience transformation in your own heart. Your presence reminds families they are seen, valued, and supported. And along the way, you may just find something unexpected—perspective, renewal, and deeper connection with God and others.



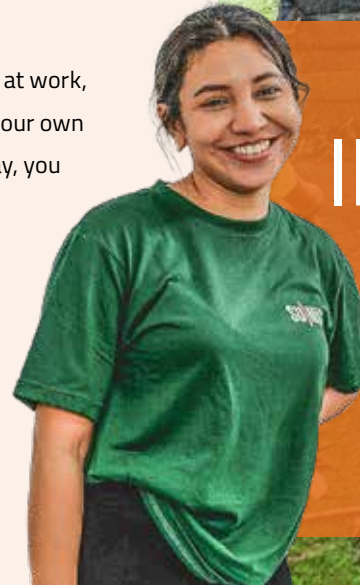
GIVE

Your generosity helps us find and walk with more people through clean water, discipleship, and education. Every gift, no matter how big or small, helps create stories of hope, healing, and purpose. Scan the QR code or visit sunica.org/donate to give today.



IN 2024...

100 U.S. visitors found something unexpected in Nicaragua: purpose, connection, and joy.



THERE'S MORE TO BE *FOUND* — *A SNEAK PEEK into 2025.*

The story isn't over yet! We're casting a vision for this year with anticipation and dedication. Here are a few of the exciting things in store that you can be praying for:

1

Completing the Los Ranchos water project... and turning on the water!

2

Installing proper bathrooms at the Sacred Forest.

3

Finalizing the water system in Salinas Grande to make it a more sustainable two-well system.

4

Finding more ways for God to reveal Himself in and through this work.





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