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ANNUAL REPORT, 2023

2023 has been a big year! **Michel** in Nicaragua graduated from the university and received her diploma as a primary school teacher! She is so proud, as are we. She had to overcome a lot of obstacles, including needing to leave school in 2022 to help care for her father. But she returned to school and finished!

Another graduate is **Valentina** in Guatemala. She graduated from 6th grade, and was a flag carrier in her graduation; she was valedictorian for six years in a row!

Linda Maria in Honduras is in 7th grade now and doing really well. She speaks such good English that sometimes we forget we are listening to a Honduran student when she sends us voice messages. She is consistently on the honor roll and loves school.

Meghan and Christa were able to visit with all our students in Nicaragua in early December:

Elizabeth has finished her university classes, now she has a year of interning and a year of work for the state before she receives her degree.

Belen will enter her third year of English studies at the university. **Tatiana** was sick and had to leave classes, but took an administrative course at the local technical institute, which she excelled at. She decided to leave the university and study accounting there, since accounting was what she was planning on studying at the university.

Emili and **Raquel** both did fantastic in school this year, and both were honored for their grades by marching in the annual festival parade.

Karina has used the money the foundation gave her to start her tourism business very wisely. They have been welcoming tourists since March or April and they have an amazing thing going. They have built a kitchen and a covered meeting space, more swings, paths, and parking areas. They also got a grant to build a cabaña for people to stay in. It's an

impressive set up and we're amazed at her motivation to build something that will use her education and help her community.

In Uganda, **Naomi** is entering Form 6, which will be her last year of secondary school. She's doing well and will take her national exam at the end of the year to determine what and where she studies after this. We understand that our contacts in Uganda are trying to figure out how to put **Rebecca** back in school to see how she does, so we are waiting for news about that.

Bencille has entered a vocational school for "administrative sciences" in Haiti. She's excited to learn the skills to work in a variety of settings, from offices to banks. **Ahecaina** is studying two years at once, an honor offered to her by the school because of her high grades. She will finish 8th and 9th grades at the end of this school year, and she remains at the top of her class.

We accepted four new students in 2023: **Krisbell** in Nicaragua is entering 4th grade in 2024. **Mirielle** in Haiti is in 8th grade. She is living with our contact Claudine, since her family suffered the loss of a home and she has nowhere safe to live. **Mercy** in Kenya will be entering Form 4 in 2024. And **Thalia** in Guatemala will be entering the equivalent of 10th grade in 2024. She attends a school for the deaf.

We learned in December that **Odalys** is no longer studying in high school. Her mother felt she needed to be working, and took her out of school with just a few months left in the year. We are very sad, because she only had one year left in high school, and her future is much more limited now, but we hope perhaps she'll consider returning one day to finish high school.

Roshani disappeared from studying and wouldn't respond to our contact in Nepal, so we are no longer supporting her. We wish her and her family the best, although we are sad she didn't continue studying and move towards a professional career.

Despite having a baby boy during the year, **Seyla** wants to continue studying so we await her application for post-secondary study. She left Leon and is back with her family near El Sauce, since her partner didn't want to have or care for a child. So although she has a child, living with her parents would give her the most flexibility to continue studying.

2023 Noteworthy Foundation Moments

- At the end of 2022, ONE has 23 scholarship recipients, representing eight countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, Tanzania, Uganda, Nepal, and Kenya. Six of these scholarships are for post-secondary study, be that university, vocational school or teaching college, or for starting a business.
- Our online fundraiser during the month of March raised about \$6,300. In addition,

on April 30 we held the Global Market for Girls' Education fundraiser in person at Heritage Square in downtown Flagstaff. This year we had no wind, and we had several wonderful music and dance performances and lots of student art for sale from both the Flagstaff schools and NAU art students. We raised around \$2,900 from that fundraiser.

- ONE received \$2,500 from the 1% For the People grant from Flagstaff company Kahtoola for the seventh year in a row! This money helps support Bharosha, Amrita, Sumira, and Khusbu in Nepal. We are very grateful for Kahtoola's help, as this allows us to help other students.
- Between fundraisers, grants, and individual donations, the foundation brought in \$36,600.38 in 2023. Once again, more than 85% of our total budget went directly to our students or for student-related costs this year.
- The board voted again to support Christa and Meghan (or any board member) for travel expenses to Nicaragua. We will revisit this in the future if we don't have the funds and if travel involves some place other than Central America.

Financial

2023 Donations Received \$36,600.38

2022 Year-End Balance \$42,187.91

Expenditures:

Administrative

Wire transfer fees \$ 475.34

Website costs \$ 786.60

Fundraising expenses \$ 713.65

PayPal fees \$ 170.33

AZCC filing fee \$ 10.00

Misc. \$ 545.64

Travel Expenses \$ 3,554.46

TOTAL FOUNDATION EXPENSES \$ 6,256.02

2023 Scholarships \$34,523.50

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$40,779.52**

Balance at end of 2023 \$38,008.77

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