

St. John's Lutheran Church Nicaragua Mission Trip – February 2012

On February 4 next year 12 people will travel to Nicaragua to visit four villages and work on the rancho in Monte Redondo which is used for worship, Bible classes and income producing activities. Each village has about 50 families that are members of the Lutheran Church of Nicaragua.

Why are we going to Nicaragua? It is the second poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. We want to encourage them and let them know that we care by working to improve their school. We will share our faith through a skit/puppet show. By providing food packages, family packs and children's backpacks and books, the families will know that we care. We will help them spread the Gospel message to their neighbors.

What can I do to help?

May/June(VBS) – We will be collecting small size summer shorts and t-shirts to Nicaragua via Orphan Grain Train. A collection box is in the Narthex. The VBS backpacks will be decorated by the children and delivered by the team to the children in the 4 villages we visit.

July/August – Please begin to collect "hotel" size soap & shampoo for the "family" packages and "restaurant" crayons for the children's backpacks.

September/October—Another book from Concordia Publishing will be selected for the members of St. John's to give to a child in Nicaragua. These will be available again in the Narthex. We also hope that the school families will again donate books for the school in Monte Redondo.

October/November — Once again we hope to purchase in Nicaragua a **food package** (hopefully for all the 200 families) containing rice, beans, oatmeal, spaghetti, cooking oil, sugar and salt—cost is about **\$8.90 per family**.

Yes, only 12 people will fit in the van we'll use in Nicaragua, but you can be a part of this exciting ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Cain at sandracain1@comcast.net or visit the Nicaragua mission table in the Narthex.