

June 26, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Peace Lutheran Church,

The desire of the community of Laurel Galan is that the blessing of God be with you all.

Brothers and Sisters we write to you with the hope of restoring our long time relationship through letters since it has been a long time without communication between us. And we realize that letters is the means of being able to talk, knowing that distance keeps us from being able to touch, hug, laugh and speak to one another. Through this letter we can feel that our relationship continues to be close, and so we can write to each other monthly or in the time frame that you all desire.

We want you to know that we always meet every 15 days to gather and share together, discussing and debating what to do in the community. We are 30 members though only 23 are active. Right now we are recovering the money from our revolving fund in order to be able to give it back through new loans to the community because people are going to prepare the ground for planting. We are glad because it's raining and we are working to help the community.

In January Elena came to visit the community. She brought a "savings box" (like a piggy bank) so that we as a group can begin to save money. If we save an amount of 3,500 Cordobas Elena puts an amount equal to that in the cash box. The community takes the savings box to our meetings and it serves as a dynamic that encourages us.

Elena has not been visiting us since March, but we are being accompanied by Luis and two young woman who are very good people. They are a team and we feel that they encourage us to go forward. Here in Nicaragua we celebrate on the 30th of May, Mother's day and so we had the opportunity to celebrate with the team, Luis and the companions and we were happy. We played games and read the Bible, reflecting on the word of God. We have much to share but we can not say it all at once.

Greetings in the name of Christ,
Your sister community of Laurel Galan,
Ligia, Alba, and Micaela