

BSIC PROGRAM NEWS

Threefold Ministries' "Best Start in Christ" Newsletter—Summer, 2020



A cautious return to school

The reality in Nicaragua: the second poorest country in our hemisphere with a government that does not promote even the most basic preventive measures against COVID-19. It is in this setting that staff are forced to be more creative, careful and responsible as programs resume. Parents of the children of our preschool programs were recently invited to talk about the pandemic and discuss the measures that have been adopted at the Skylark Centre in facing the new reality. They expressed their fear and concern but also their contentment with the continuation of the programs and the return of the students to classes. They understand that this is vital for the proper education of their children. They also confirmed their faith and trust that their children will be safe inside Skylark facilities knowing that their children's protection is foremost in the minds of our staff who are taking all necessary measures to ensure the health and well-being of the children as they return to school.

"Today the kids came back to school... All of them were smiling and seemed to be very happy to be back. It was [obvious] on their faces, that they were missing school so much." - Community Development Manager,

Nataly Cruz 8/17/2020



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"Masking" a Better Future

Tuesday, August 18th, marked the restart of *Building a Better Future*, a **Best Start in Christ** program for adults in the community, with a current enrollment of 13 students. The kick-off project provides instruction in making face masks from different sizes and shapes of fabric. In September cooking and baking classes will be taught to coincide with activities taking place in Threefold's [Ride for Refuge](#)

participation in October. The students are thrilled and eager to learn and to put their knowledge into practice during these activities that could sprout home-based businesses!



Spotlight: Karla



We are thrilled to introduce you to Karla who joined our programs at the age of 13 as a new mom. Her daughter, Yulissa, entered our school as a toddler. In 2017 Karla, now a participant in *Building a Better Future*, demonstrated a strong desire and aptitude to learn new skills and put them into practice. She stood out with her creativity and her business-oriented thinking. She turned her craft-making education into an income-generator, selling craft items from her home, in the community, and even at a nearby textile factory, thereby providing support for her and her daughter. Further to this, she saw the opportunity of using the resources that she had available — fruit and vegetables growing in her back yard — to start a fruit stand business, which today is very successful. The business has a privileged location on the main road from Jinotepe to San Marcos.

It is exciting to have Karla back as the programs restart, knowing that it is an investment in a bright future.

Spotlight: Carolina

In 2016, young, popular and outgoing Carolina was fearful and lacked confidence as she joined in on *Building a Better Future* classes. Shortly thereafter, with encouragement and support, she began selling crafts out of her home. Where Carolina really excelled, though, was in grasping the basic management skills taught during the classes. She now uses those learned skills not only in growing her own little home-based business, but by also supporting her mother's tortilla business. Their household earnings grow as they understand how to price their products. Well done, Carolina!



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Please help us to provide the opportunity to share more of these stories, all of which are only possible because of generous donors. Lives are truly impacted by each dollar donated. We are confident in God's provisions as we collectively continue to provide a "Best Start" for all. Thank you!

Threefold Ministries is a Christian organization working towards the vision of seeing healthy, sustainable communities in Nicaragua that reflect God's love and care. We are on mission to engage, equip, empower, energize and encourage the building of these strong communities.

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