TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7th
12:27 Arrivals on Continental #1760
1:45 Lunch
   Introductions, health and safety orientations and program overview.
3:45 Brief tour of Managua’s historical center (Plaza de la Revolución, Parque central, Palacio Nacional)
   and visit lookout point at Tiscapa Lagoon.
6:30 Dinner

Sunday, March 8th
8:00 am Breakfast at CGE
9:00 am Update on political and economic issues in Nicaragua- Mark Lester. Regional Co-Director of CGE
markcge@ibw.com.ni
11:00 Depart for Masaya Volcano
11:45 Visit Masaya Volcano
12:30 pm Lunch in Masaya at La Criolla
   Visit arts and crafts market in Masaya.
2:30 Meet with representative of El Gueguense Project from the Central American University. El
Gueguense is a non-profit organization whose objective is to facilitate the incorporation of artisan
products at the international market in order to help improve their income and way of life. They have
sold to several university bookstores in the U.S (Seattle, Utah and Fairfield) for over a year now. We
would learn about their initiatives, visit artisans and see their work. Contact: Carolina medina. Tel:
8975008
   Reflection
6:30 pm Dinner

Monday, March 9th
7:00 am Breakfast
7:40 a.m Depart for meeting
8:00 am Meeting with Alfredo Alaniz. ASOMIF (Nicaraguan Association of Micro Finance Institutions).
   Talk about their work and role with Micro finance institutions, as well as their perspective on current
government policies. Contact: Alfredo Alaniz/ Tel: 2788621. De donde fue el Chaman 1 c. arriba, 1c.
al lago. Frente al CNU.
9:45am Visit Acahuat Clinic and talk with Maria Elena Bonilla (Educator and Lawyer) about the community of
Acahuata and their work. They work on HIV/AIDS, with sex workers, self-esteem workshops, family
violence. E-mail: acahuatl@ibw.com.nl. 2682159
12:00 am Lunch at CGE
2:00 a.m Depart
2:30 pm Visit Center for Development in Central America (Jubilee House). Talk about their work in the
community of Nueva Vida (Hurricane Mitch resettlement community), their development
projects, micro-lending initiatives. If possible talk to Genesis collective (working on spinning
plant) about their lives and plans. Visit the clinic in Nueva Vida. E-mail: jhc@jhc-cdca.org
   http://www.jhc-cdca.org/index.html. C
6:30pm Dinner

Tuesday, March 10
7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Depart for public hospital Lenin Fonseca
9:00 Visit Lenin Fonseca, public hospital and meet with Head Nurse Norma Lopez to learn about health
care in Nicaragua. lic_norlopez@hotmail.com/ 2666547-49. C
11:30 Meet with Dora Maria Téllez. Guerrilla commander during Sandinista Revolution, former minister of
health during the 80s and currently member of the Sandinista Renovation Movement (MRS). Talk
about personal story, current health issues, changes in health care model, progress and challenges.
1:00pm Lunch
Depart for Dos Generaciones

2:30 Talk with **DOS GENERACIONES** about their educational project with children and families in Acahualinca and La Chureca, the municipal dump. This organization addresses issues from a human rights perspective and has small micro credit initiatives to help families in Acahualinca.

4:00 Debrief visit to La Chureca

6:30 Dinner

**Wednesday, March 11**

7:15 Breakfast

8:00 Depart

8:30 Meeting with Eliézer Miranda. Vice manager of projects at the National Rural Bank (**LA CARUNA**). Talk about the Usury Zero program promoted by the present government. They are responsible for managing the Venezuelan funds sent to Nicaragua. Tel: 2770516. Lomas del Valle. 2 c. arriba (recto). Frente a la casa modelo castilla. #55. Verde y amarilla.

10:00 Meet with Rita Arauz. Director of **Nimhualtzin**. Non-governmental organization working on HIV-AIDS prevention through the promotion and defense of human rights. Tel: 2780028. C.

11:30 Depart for León

1:00 Check in and have lunch at Hotel Austria. 311-1368. Arely.

2:45 Depart for offices of **Movimiento de Mujeres Empleadas y Desempleadas Maria Elena Cuadra (MEC)**

3:00 Meet with Josefina Ulloa. Director of MEC. It is a leader organization in advocating for women’s rights and improving working conditions for women working in Nicaragua’s free-trade zone. MEC provides a wide range of services, including access to rotating credit funds; workshops on self-esteem, reproductive health; technical training in nontraditional trades such as auto mechanics, masonry, and electrical work, etc.

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5:00 Reflection (tentative)

6:30pm Dinner

**Thursday, March 12**

7:00 am Breakfast

7:45 Travel to Malpaisillo

8:30 Meet with the executive board of **Xochitl- Acatl Center**. Talk about the history and focus of the Center. Learn about their microcredit program, citizen participation program, visit the clinic and other facilities. Talk to youth group members who are receiving scholarships from Wisconsin. Contact: Socorro Chávez. Tel: 316-0117. Frente a Enacal.

12:00 Lunch in Malpaisillo

Visit nearby community and learn firsthand about the impact of the credit program.

2:45 Depart for **Poneloya beach**

7:00 Dinner

**Friday, March 13**

8:30 am Breakfast in Poneloya

Relax

12:00 Lunch in Poneloya

1:00 Depart for Managua

3:50 Depart for CISAS

4:00 Talk with **Maria Hamlin Zañiga** from CISAS (Information Health Center) and member of the International Peoples’ Health Movement. Talk about her life story, work in health care and main issues for the People’s health movement. E-mail: maria@muronica.com. 8168383/2665226. C

6:15 Final reflection and evaluations

Dinner

**Saturday, March 14**

4:45 Depart for airport

7:30am Depart **Continental Airlines #1775**

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