

NICARAGUA TWINNING PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION OF BATHROOMS

This project entailed the construction of 19 bathrooms in the rural community of El Tule, Chinandega Department, Nicaragua. It was planned and executed by a local community organization, FUNDACCO, in collaboration with the National Council of Nicaragua. FUNDACCO is linked to Roots of Change, a Catholic charity from Alberta.

Due to difficult economic conditions and poverty, most people in the community did not have a bathroom for private personal needs and hygiene practices. People were forced to bathe at the communal well, or in the river located some distance away from the village. The project consisted of building 17 bathrooms to benefit 86 people from 22 families. It also included the construction of 2 public bathrooms near the communal well to meet the needs of 28 people, members of 7 families, who wash clothes and clean themselves at the well.

The project was submitted to the National Council of Canada by the National Council of Nicaragua and FUNDACCO in the summer 2018. Total cost of this community endeavour was \$6,200, which was financed by the Hamilton West Particular Council (Ontario) and seven local conferences. The planning and execution of the project were a joint effort by FUNDACCO and community members who participated in the construction and supply of some material (sand and water). The construction of the bathrooms improved the living conditions of these families who have no access to electricity or public transportation.

The project was completed in November 2018. Subsequent visits to the community by the SSVF President Montenegro and FUNDACCO Project Manager Maria Araica, confirmed the joy and gratitude of beneficiaries for the new facilities.

I encourage all conferences and councils to support such projects, which improve permanently the living conditions of beneficiaries who proudly take ownership and safeguard the new installations.

*Clermont Fortin, Chair
National Twinning Committee*

“Water has come, I will not have to go to the river to bathe”.

Juan, beneficiary, Nicaragua



“We are happy to tell you that the beneficiaries of the project are very happy with the benefits received. We want to tell you that it is an honour to work with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in projects that are changing the living conditions of the inhabitants of different communities.”

Maria Araica, Project Manager, Nicaragua