

Dear Friends,

This is a difficult letter for me to write. I write it as a husband and family leader, setting my role as Corner of Love Director of Operations aside.

Before I begin, I want to thank you for your support of our ministry in my home country. With out your support – at this point almost 30,000 people per year would have no access to healthcare.

Over the last year, Nicaragua as a country, has suffered many setbacks in freedom of speech and its fragile democracy has been desecrated. This began with Daniel Ortega's illegal candidacy for president (three articles of the constitution prohibited him from running) and ended with blatant electoral fraud on Nov. 6, 2011 in which he and the Sandinistas claimed to have received 62% of the vote in their favor.

While I am not a political person, and Tanya and I have dedicated the last 12 years of our lives to the service of God's poor in Nicaragua, I *am* related to some who bravely supported an honest, God-fearing opposition to the Sandinistas this fall.

I am sad to say that because of my name-association with these brave relatives, and given Tanya and I's large role in the North, some Sandinistas felt the need to threaten us this winter in an effort to make certain that I would not "throw my hat into the ring" of politics, especially in San Ramon.

Their attempts to intimidate my wife and I have come in several forms, including email with untrue accusations, the theft of our guard dogs, and anonymous hostile Facebook messages.

In this changing world, it is hard for me to believe that social networking sites can aid malicious people so much, but the fact is, in this case, they have.

Many Americans who are close to us are "friends" on Facebook (and other sites) with Nicaraguans they have met through Corner of Love. As harmless as this may seem, it is anything but. Sandinistas are using youth gangs of what they call "citizen councils" to case the web for "anti-revolutionary" speech, track the whereabouts of non-sympathizers, and collect photos or text that can be used against people they consider a threat. It is also not unheard of for them to force **good people** to show them their Facebook pages if they believe the individual knows people of interest to them.

In our case, some of our American friends unknowingly put us in harm's way because they were Facebook friends with people from San Ramon, Matagalpa, or Managua. We can deduce this with 100% certainty from the hostile correspondence that even reference, in some cases, whose Facebook page the offenders used to obtain information.

It is because of these reasons that I am writing to ask you to please un-friend all Nicaraguans if you wish to continue communicating with Tanya, myself, and Corner of Love electronically and/or refrain from opening the dangerous social networking lines with people from my country. Another option would also be to create a separate account you could use for communicating with Nicaraguans.

As a husband and the head of our household, I find myself listening to God in this somewhat rocky time, and feel He is guiding my steps. I have asked Tanya to un-friend any person we communicate with on Facebook that continues online friendships with in-country Nicaraguans. I pray you will understand my reasons for this, and not take offense if we can no longer be in touch via Facebook/the internet.

Our commitment to give God 100% of the glory for Corner of Love's work (and not share the credit with the Sandinistas or **any** political party) has set us apart from many non-profits but does not come without a price. Please help us remedy this dangerous situation and close security gaps where needed so we can press on with the Lord's work in the Northern villages, where so many pray aloud to God, asking Him to send more missionaries, more light, and more assistance.

In Christ alone,

Nelson Amador