

## CORNER OF LOVE



## At The Nicaragua-Costa Rica Border Helping Refugees

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Latin America is in complete crisis as you read this. More than 7 million people are moving throughout the hemisphere, most fleeing government-sponsored paramilitaries and gross human rights violations in Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba. Some head north to Mexico and the U.S. but many want to rebuild their lives in neighboring countries and long for resolutions to the crises their countries face. They are the ones who want to return home, not emigrate to a far off land. Most of themdream everyday of going back. In Costa Rica, hundreds of thousands have decided to

resettle there. As one of Central America's most stable nations, Costa Rica receives a high percentage of the 7 million people migrating, even to the point of threatening its own stability. Since 2018 over 500,000 Nicaraguan refugees have poured into the country, creating a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented scale.

Corner of Love has responded to the crisis by opening a Relief Center in La Cruz, Costa Rica near the Nicaragua-Costa Rica border. At this location Nicaraguan refugees are warmly welcomed and connected with key resources in order to stay in country legally.

Among the services being provided at this border-city facility are free medical, dental, and optical services, emergency food, clothing, bedding, shoes, backpacks,

and refugee-direct donations for transportation, legal services, and shelter. Hot meals are also served at Corner of Love's Relief Center for Refugees.

Corner of Love is uniquely positioned to successfully assist large quantities of refugees due to its long track record of humanitarian work with the Nicaraguan population. Prior to the socio-political crisis that broke out in April 2018, Corner of Love worked for nearly 20 years in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. There, the organization has a Plaza that houses ten exam rooms, a dental clinic, and a Leadership School.

On average, 30,000 impoverished Nicaraguans have been receiving services from the organization annually. The mission's beginning dates back to 2000 in San Ramon where

they first began by drilling wells, building a pre-school, and funding numerous community health projects in Nicaragua.

**Today Corner of Love** receives numerous volunteer healthcare brigades each year in Costa Rica (airport LIR). Doctors, nurses, dentists and assistants join participants from all over the world to aid refugees at the Nicaragua-Costa Rica border area where the organization's headquarters include a pharmacy, refugee kitchen, medical, dental, and optical service areas, and containers with supplies for distribution. To sign up for a team, make a donation, or collect supplies, text or call (206) 419-1133 or email info@corneroflove.org.

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