

Dear Dr. Garcia,

This letter may seem very bold, but I ask you to have patience and read it through ... Thank you.

My name is Ann Marie Zon and I'm a lay missionary in the mountain missions of Nicaragua. I am here in Texas, going to Del Mar College to get experience and degree in Medical Technology. The purpose is to return to the missions to help in the clinics that are being set up.

At my last visit in August, I visited one clinic in Teustepe, a central village we work out of. The clinic serves 80 to 100 people a day ... and serves close to 20,000 population. - It has 3 doctors (alternately - but not daily ... 6 nurses.) Believe me, the supplies are next to nothing, ... they need anything and everything ... and that is not an exaggeration. And this is an example of only one clinic.

I know people in our country disagree about the political situation there - but our main concern is the people, the children, the poor - Politics is not their problem ... not even their concern ... Their children are their everything ... and we need to do all we can to help them health-wise.

Now I know what you did for the Mexicans in their tragedy ... and it has been more than commendable

What I ask is... if there are any supplies left over, or not able to be sent, would it be at all possible to have anything for the Nicaraguan mission clinics? I know it is a terribly bold request, but I think of the Gospel story where the Mother asked help for her child --- she said to the Lord "Even the dogs ask for the crumbs that fall from the table..." The Nicaraguans are not the suffering Mexicans, but they are just as poor and suffer in a war devastated country. The request is not for me - but for them - who can't ask for themselves.

If you could offer any "left-overs" or help in any way, I'd - we'd be grateful beyond words. If you'd care to know any more about the work there or the conditions, I'd be glad to give more information and insight.

While here in Texas, I work at St. Anthony's Parish in Robstown. Thus, if you care to get in touch with me, you can call the parish office at 387-2774 or at my home 241-9106.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this letter. Surely the efforts you made to help others will be remembered by the Good Lord; hopefully your efforts can extend to us - even if only a little - Anything is better than the nothing we have.

Sincerely,
Ann Marie Fox