

About our Partnership:

When the partnership was formed back in 2005, DCPC proposed that we focus on preschool education and on encouraging older children to stay in school and finish high school.

Since then, DCPC has provided funds to help build several preschools and has annually provided scholarships that enable parents to allow their children to remain in school. Currently we are providing scholarships for 59 students in K-12 or university. The funds are used to provide food for families, provide school uniforms, shoes, backpacks, and supplies, and to provide a stipend for some university students to help them with food and transportation costs.

Regular trips allow DCPC members to build relationships and show our love, respect and support for our Christian siblings.

Disaster Relief

The devastating hurricanes in 2020 destroyed highways, bridges and schools, 70% of the production of beans, and 10% of the production of rice were lost to the rain, along with many other vegetables. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, DCPC was able to contribute to CEPAD's relief campaign to help—from buying zinc roof sheets, nails and water purifying systems to training 15 pastors and community leaders to accompany 140 families from the Kilambe communities that experienced terrifying landslides, providing them psycho-social and pastoral care in 3 hour meetings twice a month.



More repairs and construction remains to be done to help these communities fully recover from the loss.



Why Global Mission?

DCPC strives to recognize our interconnection to brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world, and to increase our understanding of the world through outreach and education. We wish to work for justice, peace, humanitarian relief, and reconciliation as called for by the Gospel. We are eager to establish personal relationships between community members across international lines as we build a personal, living bridge globally.

What can I do?

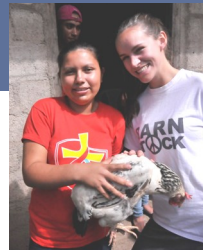
PRAY: Lift prayers up for the children and adults of Kilambe and keep them in your heart.

ACT: Get involved with our Nicaragua partnership by contacting Associate Pastor Robert Alexander.

GIVE: When unforeseen events arise, DCPC has a special fund that we use to provide aid. If you would like to make a contribution, you can:

- write a check or make an online donation at www.dpc.org and note Nicaragua in the subject line.
- You can Text "DCPC Nicaragua" to 73256 to give using your mobile device, or,
- follow the QR code below to make a donation.

**We can serve Christ
across the miles.**



**Building brighter
futures for
the students of
KILAMBE**

**Davidson College
Presbyterian Church
and the
Kilambe Villages
of Nicaragua**

Global Mission Partnership established in 2005



New Preschool Underway

DCPC members returned to Kilambe after a four-year break due to political transitions and COVID.

After visiting CEPAD and Jubilee House in Managua, the team traveled to the mountains, where they helped begin construction on a new one-room **preschool** in Los Cocos, a new community established by people who had lost their homes in the hurricanes. The kids for the preschool were already meeting in the home of their teacher and they were in their new school by fall. Critical funds from DCPC helped buy the building materials needed.

This was one of the most physically demanding trips in our 18 year history of visiting the region. But those who went shared their enthusiasm and gratitude for getting to work alongside the amazing and resilient people. They also met many of the students who receive scholarships from DCPC—from preschool to university.

Global partners help us see the world and God's glory in unique and meaningful ways.

Over 60 DCPC youth and adults have experienced the meaningful and impactful trip to Nicaragua over the course of our partnership. This year's 8-person team included: Holt & Lane Hathaway, Chase & Finn O'Brien, Jeff & Cooper Watson, Jack Ahearn and Robert Alexander.



Preschool students who will attend the new school

We can continue to support the people of Kilambe with our prayers and gifts.

Gerardo Arias and Juana Bidea continue to play special roles in our partnership.

Their commitment reflects loving dedication to do God's work with the people of Nicaragua.



My impressions from Nicaragua

By Holt Hathaway

I feel encouraged by the strength of our relationship. It was obvious to me that there was an immediate familiarity and trust between Robert and our contacts at CEPAD and the main leader of the communities.

Most challenges in these communities require long-term and sometimes complex solutions, which can be discouraging for all involved, but that's why building a relationship is fundamental in order to be a part of possible solutions.

There were several people in Nicaragua who asked about others from our church who have visited on previous trips, so obviously not just our work and support but the people connected to it are meaningful and leave an impression. Second, the greatest need is for opportunity not hand-outs. Creative entrepreneurial ideas would be a new way for us to support our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Our DCPC Nicaragua Global Mission Partnership began in 2005.