

Gentlemen, an urgent need has been brought to my attention and great opportunity for the Suffolk Christian Softball League to show the love of Christ to children in Central America. I have recently returned from a Missions trip to Managua, Nicaragua. Each year members of the Dix Hill Evangelical Free Church have visited and supported a Missions organization, Forward Edge International. Imagine living your whole life in a dump: rummaging through garbage for food and salvageable items to sell...sharing a wood and tin hovel with 15 members of your extended family...and, if you're a girl, selling your body to incoming truck drivers for the right to rummage through the garbage first.



That's the life that scores of young girls in Managua, Nicaragua's landfill are living. It's a life with no future...no security...no hope. Life expectancy for these people is around 40 years and more than 5,000 men, women, teenagers, children and newborn babies face the horrid realities of living in this garbage dump. Babies are born here, and young children eat, sleep and try to play here. Whole families try to collect enough rubbish just to exist on. There is a school in the center of the dump where 350 students attend. Approximately 15% of the students live in the dump, while the rest of them attend because their parents rummage through the dump during the daytime.

During our recent trip Managua, we were shown the site of the future "House of Hope". The House of Hope will be a safe refuge for the children currently living and attending school in the dump. The plans call for the building of 9 houses, each supporting 8 children and 2 adults, 4 "team" houses, a basket ball court, a swimming pool, soccer field and an amphitheater for praise and worship.



Our Church had the joy of taking these kids out of the dump for a "field trip" to their possible future home. Some have never see life outside the dump. The SCL can give these young Children a future. By sponsoring a house, or any other projected area, we can share God's love with the families and children living in the dump, and help develop a home-outside the dump-where they can get an education, learn a trade, and grow up with an awareness of God's love for them

Each house will cost \$25,000 to complete, with furnishing and indoor plumbing. This is a great opportunity for the SCL to spread the Love of Jesus to children in desperate need of our help. With 25 churches represented by our league, sponsoring one building would not create a hardship for any one church and Our God is a faithful God that would provide for this endeavor if we prayerfully consider it. I would ask that you present this opportunity to your teams, church and/or missions board with the hope that we could provide a new life for these needy children and see how our God blesses them and us in the process.



Thank you for your time and any questions please contact me by phone or e-mail.

In Christ Love

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