Project Success Story
15 de Septiembre School
Matagalpa, Nicaragua

El Tule is one of the fastest growing communities in the urban area of Matagalpa, in northwest Nicaragua. It has over 2,200 people. The local elementary school, named 15 de Septiembre, serves over 500 students from preschool through 6th grade. It had only three classrooms. Clearly, it wasn’t working.

In 2015, ODFL began working with the school through its Nicaraguan partner, Seeds of Learning. We built four new classrooms, a kitchen and food storage area, expanded the bathroom facilities, and more. We finished the work in the summer of 2018.

Today, 15 de Septiembre is a model school in Nicaragua. It is the pride of the community and the joy of the students and staff. This project was funded by 45,000 donations of $1 from high school and middle school students in California and Oregon. Thank you students! You have literally changed the world.
Starting with the foundation

Oregon students mixing cement for building brick walls
Local parents and California students helping

Up go the walls!

New handwashing stations and toilets make a world of difference
Movable walls provide flexibility and functionality

One of the most beautiful schools in all of Nicaragua

The new classrooms, kitchen, toilets and other facilities will help *tens of thousands* of Nicaraguan students over their 40 year-expected life. We are **bigger** when we help others, and the world is definitely made **better**. Isn’t it beautiful? Thank You students from California and Oregon! Your generosity has *literally* changed the world.

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