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has displaced a quarter  
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You or a group of your  
friends can help them  
build new homes.  
See the back panel.**



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An estimated 250,000 Nicaraguans have had to flee their homes to avoid contra attacks.



## Displaced by the contra war

Of the 40,000 people who have been killed, kidnapped, or wounded in the grim war the U.S. and the contras have waged against Nicaragua, most have been poor, unarmed civilians such as those in Arturo's village.

Today, many of the displaced live in tiny, temporary dwellings made of thatched roofing, plastic, and available scraps of material. Proper building materials are scarce.

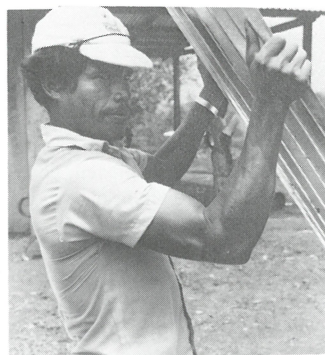


**"We missed our home and friends. There was no future in Honduras. Here, the government offered to return us to our land. Now we are rebuilding."**

## Coming home from Honduras

Mercedes is one of thousands of Miskitos, Nicaragua's largest indigenous group. Several years ago, her husband, like many men on the Atlantic Coast, was enticed into an armed contra group. The promises of money, land and security disintegrated shortly after the family arrived in Honduras. After 2 years in a U.N. supported refugee camp, Mercedes' family accepted the Nicaraguan offers of amnesty.

Hundreds of people like them are now returning to Nicaragua without fear of reprisals or penalties. Like the war displaced, they will benefit from resettlement programs.



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## Rebuilding lives and homes

Rebuilding people's lives and homes is a top priority for Nicaragua and major programs are being organized.

Communities provide their own labour; the government provides solid timber posts, concrete for foundations and sheets of corrugated steel roofing.

Last year, 6000 new dwellings were built. This year, with escalating contra attacks, the demand is even greater.

The massive number of displaced and returnees presents a major challenge to Nicaragua. This small country's meagre resources are stretched to the limit by the U.S.-backed war and trade embargo. Our help is needed.

## How can you help?

The answer is simple: This year, **Tools for Peace** is making roofing a priority with a special fundraising campaign.

Use the coupon on the back to make your own donation or to collect from your friends. Funds raised will enable a bulk purchase of corrugated roofing sheets to be shipped to communities like Arturo's and Mercedes'.

Distribute this information in your workplace, neighborhood, classrooms, etc. Let's put a roof over the heads of these Nicaraguan families.



**MORE THAN HALFWAY THERE.** The completed roof gives crucial protection from hot sun and tropical rains while the walls are built. Soon, this will be a completed home. **YOU CAN HELP** multiply this scene many times over. See the coupon on the back. ►



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Tools for Peace needs funds for Nicaragua's war displaced. Each \$15 means one sheet of galvanized roofing for a Nicaraguan home; between 10 and 20 sheets will roof one family. Donations of \$15 or more will be tax receipted. Single donations are welcome, or, organize friends and co-workers to fund all or part of an entire roof.

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