Building Peace



I had a hammer . . . begins the well known folk song. It goes on to tell about "hammering out justice, and freedom". In Nicaragua today the people are doing just that struggling for justice and freedom. But they need the tools. One of the ways in which Canadians can support this struggle is by contributing to the national Tools for Peace campaign. This year, we are conducting a special project to collect hammers and saws to help 'build peace' in Nicaragua.

... a lot of building going on ...

There is a lot of building going on in Nicaragua these days. In the last seven years - since the defeat of the Somoza dictatorship — the people of Nicaragua have been rebuilding their country and their lives. There have been ambitious and successful programs in health-care, education, and land reform.

One of the most important of these programs is the construction of housing — both for the thousands of families displaced by the U.S.-backed 'contra' war, and for the many poor Nicaraguans who have never had access to decent housing.

Despite the illegal attacks by the 'contra', and increasing U.S. economic pressure, the people of Nicaragua are continuing their struggle to create a new future for themselves and their children. They have the energy and the will, but they lack the **tools**. That's where you come in.

One of the special, high-priority projects of Tools for Peace this year is to provide basic, essential hand tools — hammers and saws — for construction in Nicaragua.

By donating hammers and saws — in new or 'like new' condition — Canadians can provide the tools to help Nicaraguans help themselves. Donations of money can also be made and will be used for bulk purchases of tools at campaign's end.

With your help we can send a clear message of material and moral support for the struggle of the Nicaraguan people to build a new future. A future of hope; a future of economic and social justice; a future of peace.



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