



"Hi from sunny, hot Leon! We're hopeful the rains start soon here to cool things off. We're starting to send out quarterly newsletters straight from Leon, Goyena and Troilo with news to keep friends, delegates, interns connected with all happening here... Also, check out our [Facebook page](#) for more photos and news." Saludos! Erendira.

Teachers Commit to Extend Afterschool Program to Four Hours...!!!



Photo, from left to right: Students Abigail, Claudia, teacher Sonia Matute and student Mayrelis.

Lead teacher Sonia Matute has worked in various rural communities and she came to the community of Goyena in 2005. Since then she has supported education in the community becoming a leader in the fight for quality education in the Miguel Larreynga school. Sonia says that a good strategy is to provide more and better support to children through the afterschool program. This has been successful for young people who have attended this program and now dream of a college

education... like Abigail, Claudia and Mayrelis who are currently enrolled in the secondary school. They all live in the community of Goyena and are graduates of the Afterschool project.

Intern Researches Water Quality with Help From Youth Brigade Members



Photo from left to right: John, Claudia and Myrelis investigating hydration habits of the people in Goyena.

John Hare Grogg is a young man from Duke University, who traveled to Nicaragua in the summer of 2014 as an intern for NHLSCP. His goal was to research and report on the perception of contamination of water for human consumption and hydration habits of the residents of the community of Goyena. His research included interviews with residents and leaders of Goyena. In the process John was getting involved and meeting young people from the community, who helped him to conduct the interviews needed.

In this photo John is with Claudia and Myrelis who belong to the Environmental Youth Brigade. These young people are very committed to environmental issues and with the Brigade learn about and educate their neighbors to care for the environment. In the future, these young people want to study at the University of Leon with Claudia interested in Tropical Agroecology and Mayrelis in languages. Sharing is a very important part of work done between foreigners and Nicaraguans and in working together, John, Claudia and Myrelis had to exchange knowledge and culture to successfully move the project ahead.

Goyena and Troilo Women Attend Leon March for International Women's Day

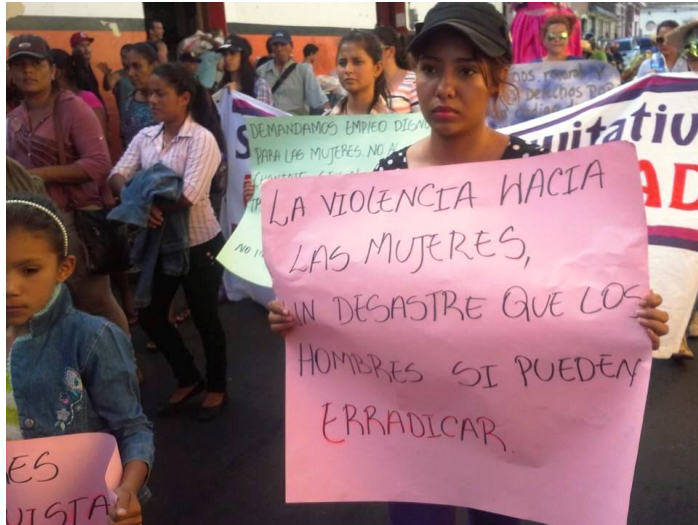


Photo: Leon march in commemoration of the March 8 International Women's Day, which was attended by women and children of the communities of Goyena and Troilo. The sign says, "The violence against women is a disaster that men can eradicate."

In 2012 the New Haven Leon SCP started the violence prevention program against women, empowering 30 women to work for their human rights. In 2015, at the request of the women from nearby Troilo, we started the same program in their community. The women of these rural areas are determined to change

the course of their lives, to live free from any form of violence. They have decided to be part of the change and to break this cycle of violence, and bring everything they learn to their homes, to their spouses, to their daughters, to their children, to the streets, to the state, and to the government. They will not stop asking for their human rights

The program has not only managed to reduce violence in the lives of these women, but also it has strengthened leadership attitudes. Now Nuvia Quiros and Martha Osejo are example of trained promoters of women's rights in Goyena and Troilo. "The struggle to defend our rights is today more alive than ever", a woman from Troilo said. Also, they recognize that change is a slow but sure process, and that maybe they will not see much change but they want their daughters and granddaughters to live in less machista and more egalitarian society.

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