

Quick visits to the La Chota Women Entrepreneurs, January 2020

Indra Martinez Canales, Juana's daughter, has a small pulpería in her house on the road just out of La Chota. She mainly sells food and some dry goods.



Juliana Soliz was busy making rolls when we arrived, putting some other ingredient, maybe cheese, into the dough. In her oven, the wood was almost burned down to coals, and I think she was kind of impatient to be disturbed, so we didn't talk much.



Lilian Paraless Soliz who lives at the same house, has a small pulpería there.



Maria Teresa Calderon has expanded her pulpería. She bought a glass vitrine for the store, which helps prevent insect damage to the products, which was a problem before. Alma buys the La Chota school lunch food here. Maria Teresa gave me a letter of thanks to the SCP and donors, where she explains how much the grant benefited her and her family to provide more products people are looking for in the store. She hopes we will continue to offer the grants to people like her and families in other places.





Her letter to us: 9-1-20 Buenos dia estimados senores del Hermanamiento Wisconsi y los donante que tubieron la Buena voluntad de ayudar a las persona que tienen su pequenos negosito aquí en Nicaragua. Pues en nombre de toda mi familia queremos darles las gracia porque esta ayuda nos vino ayudar en gran manera ya que el negosito era poco porque somos de vajos recursos pero con esta gran ayuda Gracias a Dios emos mejorado porque emos comprado otros productos que no teníamos en la venta y las jente los buscaba pero no teniamos mas sin mas que agregarles pues les deseo que en este ano nuevo que estamos enpesando Dios les de más fuersa para que tengan trabajo todas las persona que tienen buena Buena voluntad de aqueyos países que les de mucha salud y animo de seguir ayudando a mas que lo nesecitan como nosotros y pueden ayudar a otras familia que lo necesitan en otros lugares Que Dios Los vendiga a todos por aya les doy las gracia por todo lo bueno que son que sigan adelante. Se despide de ustedes una de las tanta beneficiada que veneficieron gracia . Att. Maria teresa calderón Con cedula 044 15 10 77 000 1V.

Orchídea Saborío We toured her new pitahaya planting and also saw the older plantations which already had producing plants.





Juana Martinez sells food and meat in her pulpería. She has bought a freezer for selling chickens and meat, but right now she has reduced her frozen meat stock, because the electricity often goes off during this very windy season. She keeps ice blocks in the freezer should that happen. She told us that she mainly trades most products for basic grains, but sells the meat for cash.





Alicia Aleman (Obando?) said she had bought more products for her store.



Evelin Castillo Estrada showed us her *trilladora* or rice thresher. Her husband started up the machine and poured unhulled rice into the hopper. The machine quickly removed the hulls from the rice. The chaff went out a separate chute. Evelin said there had been a good rice harvest, and she was getting a lot of business.

