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### San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua

#### Peace Passers "Get it done" for San Juan del Sur

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The Peace Passers Mission Statement is simple: "Through a collaborative, team approach; we support the mission to collect and distribute basic soccer supplies to people throughout the world".

However, getting that done, (and they do) is not as easy as it looks. The collaboration required to make this work was achieved by solid networking and picking the right partners that can get the job done. This really is a chain with no weak links. The reputation of Peace Passers gives them the credibility needed to solicit soccer clothing and supplies which are then sent down to Jane Mirandette at the Biblioteca Móvil in SJdS. Once here, the Fundación A. Jean Brugger and Comunidad Connect help make sure the supplies are distributed appropriately - another important link in the chain that ensures the credibility of the program.

Jon Thompson (from Comunidad Connect and the Fundación A. Jean Brugger) summed it up best "There are so many folks who want to donate to us, to make a difference here in Nicaragua, yet transportation remains the number one obstacle. Little by little, Jane and American Airlines are doing their part to make the connections between international resources and local needs happen."

Pictured above are Jane Mirandette (Biblioteca Móvil) and Jon Thompson (Comunidad Connect and the Fundación A. Jean Brugger) with a huge donation of 8 containers of football (soccer) clothing, shoes, balls and more which was collected by Peace Passers from the Denver (USA) area. Even this type of promotion adds value to the program as copies of articles and photographs can be sent to the donating groups to show that these generous donations got here.

