

## “The Glue” – Jubilee House Community



Michael Keyes (SCS Inspector) with  
Mike Woodard at the Jubilee House

Our partner on all projects in Nicaragua since 1999, this supply chain would not have been possible without the amazing work of [Jubilee House Community](#). JHC is an NGO (non-government organization) that has, for the past 15 years, called Nueva Vida, Nicaragua home. Maggie's worked with JHC from the ground up to form the Maquiladora Mujeres, the worker-owned sewing cooperative that is now running completely on its own. It was the lack of a good, consistent source of organic fabric in Nicaragua, and many a late-night conversation on whether an entire worker-owned production chain was possible, that ultimately led JHC to the brave long-term project of building a worker-owned gin and spinning co-op. JHC's five acre parcel is home to the production co-ops, as well as our home-away-from-home when we are in Nicaragua.

I cannot say enough about the skill, patience, and dedication that all at JHC bring to their projects. They are well-seasoned at making things happen in this challenging country, and regardless of the setbacks that each day may bring, they somehow manage to get up the next day and face it all again.

The scope of their work is far too enormous to give justice to, so let us provide just a snapshot. Right now they are:

- ❖ Working through a myriad of challenges to get the 12 containers of spinning equipment loaded and shipped to Genesis from Venezuela.
- ❖ Negotiating with Nicaraguan government office in charge of co-ops to make sure that the “official” paperwork for two of our grower groups is properly registered.
- ❖ Working with us to develop a way to increase manzanas of organic cotton cultivation by developing a deposit program for us and other companies.
- ❖ Meeting with growers; arranging for distribution of seeds for this year's crop; harvesting bags; setting prices; and selling other crops from the growers' rotation.
- ❖ Working with our supply chain to make sure they are improving paperwork, procedures, etc. from this year's inspection, in order to be ready for next year's inspection.

Oh, and did I mention this is only a small part of the work that is being done by JHC to help the lives of those in need? Please check out JHC's website, and feel free to add your support to their efforts. Their recently developed Vida Fund is a great way to earn interest while helping out.



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