

# Carolina helps us *Open a World of Possibilities*

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Carolina lives with her father, mother, sister, and brother in a small home in the tropical forests near San Ramon, Nicaragua. Her home has a dirt floor, a tin roof, no electricity, and an outhouse. By many standards she would be considered poor, but anyone who visits soon sees that Carolina is also very rich.

And Carolina's family does get visitors. Lutheran World Relief, with its local partners, works with small farmers to help diversify their farms, sell their coffee at fair-trade prices, and even develop eco-tourism projects. Carolina's family has opened their home to eco-tourists.

Carolina is happy to show her home to visitors—the vegetable garden, coffee plants, banana and other fruit trees. Behind the kitchen pigs are tied near the mango tree. Chickens wander about the front yard. Strolling

down toward the stream, Carolina pulls up a stalk of lemon grass, "It's good for fevers," she says. On the tree outside her front door, she points to the orchids, whose rich scent hangs heavy on the tropical air. Inside her home, a large yellow butterfly gently flutters in one door and out the other.

Visitors might come to see how the ELCA World Hunger Appeal has helped Carolina and her family. The same visitors, though, will leave knowing that Carolina has helped them see the joy of a simpler life.

Visit Carolina's home through the *Open a World of Possibilities: Nicaragua* curriculum. Find the general and student OWP: *Nicaragua* Web site at [www.elca.org/openaworld/nicaragua](http://www.elca.org/openaworld/nicaragua) and the site for teachers and leaders at [www.elca.org/openaworld/leaders](http://www.elca.org/openaworld/leaders)



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