With 2021 rapidly coming to an end, we’d hope to write that we have seen the worst of the pandemic and that we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Instead we are seeing yet another variant…

Reflecting on what has been accomplished despite everything, we continue to be impressed with the resilience of people and communities around the developing world that we have invested in. The challenges that they have faced have truly been the “mothers of invention.” Please help us continue to invest in grassroots based organizations that are working to alleviate the root causes of extreme poverty by donating via PayPal 
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The **Clinica Verde** program supported by the *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation “is a model for food security and agro-ecological and sustainable practices that emphasize nutrition and clean techniques for environmental protection. This initiative supports education and training for community members to protect the soil and water in poor rural communities’ while enhancing food security. Clinica Verde selected three communities in the Municipality of Boaco: Loma de Cafén, Peña de Cafén and La Reyna, Nicaragua. Around 350 families live in these communities.” In pre-pandemic days a trainer would have traveled to each community. In today’s world, one of the selection criteria was access to a smartphone. “The complete program content was created in a colorful and educational manual and videos that summarized the main subjects of the project and agro-ecological practices to protect water and soil, enhance food security and promote the use of organic pesticides.” This innovation is likely to persist even after this pandemic is a distant memory.

**Radio Program Assisted Distance Learning**

**Project Alianza** works with coffee growing communities in Nicaragua and El Salvador. “We are proud of our capacity to continue our work to forward our mission within the current difficult pandemic and political context to ensure children in rural coffee communities have access to a safe, high-quality education. With support from
literacy, gender equity, and health/hygiene. …These funds primarily support local women as community educators by providing them with personal protective equipment/materials to safely interact with students, literacy supplies (e.g., books and interactive workbooks) to supplement our Teach-at-the-Right-Level curriculum, as well as materials for our community-based learning programs on environmental preparedness and healing for families and children who were affected by Hurricanes Eta and Iota last year. All of our programs are led by local women who are trained through a train-the-trainer model to promote community-led solutions with efficiencies of scale… Now that vaccines are becoming increasingly accessible in the region and parents are comfortable sending their children to school, we proceeded with blended learning programs offering both in-person classes, which have taken place in open areas for appropriate social distancing and broadcasting our radio literacy series.