

My name is Alejandro Vilchez. I am 50 years old, married for 16 years to my wife Dayci Lopez, and we have three children.

I began working with Project H.O.P.E. in 2000 in La Ceibita in Somotillo. This is where I had the opportunity to meet some of the Directors like Roger Lea and Kim Bradley. Then later on we worked in Monte Oscuro, where I met Larry White.

I am the foreman of the construction projects that we do. This consists of measuring the lots, preparing the lots, and buying material for all of the different projects. I work specifically preparing jobs for the beneficiaries as well as preparing for the volunteers from the States. Much of the preparation I do allows the Nicas and the gringos to work hand-in-hand. One week before the teams of volunteers arrive in Nicaragua, I travel to the place we are going to be working, and I meet, again, with the beneficiaries to explain the rules of construction and revisit the purpose of the project.

It is an honor to work for Project H.O.P.E. I am proud to be a part of the Project H.O.P.E. family. It has been a great change for me in my spiritual life. We are a Christian organization with very strong principles.

It is awesome to meet so many people, both Nicas and gringos. It makes me feel full of joy every time volunteers come and help our people without asking anything in return, and they do it with all their hearts. I admire them so much for the sacrifices they make – leaving their families, traveling a long way, leaving their comfortable homes, and spending their money to travel to Nicaragua. I have seen through this that there is no barrier between love, respect and the different languages we all speak. They cannot hold us back from making friendships between us. The impact all of you have with the people here is so big that it leaves a mark in their hearts as well as in their spiritual lives.

My purpose is to do my job the best I possibly can. I thank Project H.O.P.E. for giving me the opportunity to work with them all these years, and I hope to continue for many more in order to bring hope and blessings to all of the people who are in so much need. With God's help, and yours as well, we will do it.

I thank all of you for your friendship, support and help in each and every project we have done and will do. I pray God's blessings on all of you.