

**Let the celebration of Benjamin Linder begin!
Please share this invitation with your friends and contacts!**

There are two major events being organized at this time in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of Ben's assassination:



**The first event is an Evening Gathering at the Ben Linder House
Wednesday, April 26, 2017 starting at 5:30PM**

The evening will include

- Potluck dinner - please bring a dish to share with others
- Show photos and videos about Ben
- Read poetry, sing songs
- Make posters to take to Bocay
- Time for sharing stories and testimonies

- An RSVP by April 24 is helpful as we plan
- Whether you attend or not, if you have a story you would like to share about Ben, please send it to Belinda at forbesba@gmail.com and we will print it
- The Ben Linder house is located in Managua in Barrio Monseñor Lezcano, de donde fue el Banco Popular, 2 cuadras al lago (norte), 1.5 cuadras arriba or de la Estatua Monseñor Lezcano 3 cuadras al sur, 1.5 cuadras arriba



The second is a trip to San Jose de Bocay

Thursday April 27 – Friday April 28, 2017

Schedule:

Thursday April 27

- Departure Time and Place: 5:30AM from the parking lot of La Colonia Plaza España
- Travel:
 - Stop #1 20 minutes in Sebaco for breakfast
 - Stop #2 same in La Dalia
- Lunch in Bocay at the hospedaje where we will stay
- Anniversary event starts at 3PM and goes into the evening (see attached invitation from APRODELBO)
- Dinner and overnight accommodations

Friday April 28

- Breakfast at hospedaje
- Leave after breakfast for El Cua to see Planta that Ben helped to establish
- Arrive to Matagalpa for lunch – will be arranged for everyone traveling on and with the bus and include friends in Matagalpa who knew Ben
- Visit Ben's grave in the Matagalpa cemetery
- Travel to Managua – goal is to enter the city before evening traffic gets to heavy (ideally 4PM-ish)

Ben Linder 30th Anniversary Events cont'd

What else is there to know:

- The bus being reserved holds 30 people, so we are encouraging folks to make use of this transportation opportunity and build community along the way!
- Participation in anniversary event in Bocay – if anyone can share music or other gift or a story or some brief words, please write to Belinda at forbesba@gmail.com and in turn we can let the organizers in Bocay know.
- If you need a room and/or transportation, please RSVP by Tuesday April 18 to Belinda at forbesba@gmail.com Include phone no., email, names of people in your group and what kind of room(s) you need. We will reserve your lodging and spot on the bus.

Costs:

- We estimated you should carry \$35 (or equivalent in C\$) to cover hospedaje and 5 meals (Thursday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Friday breakfast and lunch). You will pay these costs directly, including the Thursday and Friday lunches that will be arranged for the group.
- We estimate \$20 per person to ride on the bus that will be collected on the day of travel (Thursday April 27) Please note this price may vary, we will reconfirm when we have the confirmed list of bus riders.
- Filtron water to refill water bottles will be provided at no cost and will be available on the bus as we travel.

What to pack:

- Money for meals and lodging
- Empty water bottle for refilling
- Snacks for yourself and to share on the bus
- Hat/sunblock (visit to cemetery and in Bocay)
- Your good energy to celebrate Ben and his/our love for the Nicaraguan people!

