



Dear Friends and Family,

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What an exciting few months we have had. Although I am not sure exciting is the best word to describe a building project in Nicaragua. Let's just say it has been interesting and educational! When I went to the church on one occasion to see how things were progressing, I found two of the men sitting in a pile of dirt they had just dug up in one of the bathrooms (see attached picture). The thing was, digging up the bathroom and changing the pipes weren't on the original plans. I didn't ask! I just thanked God we were going to have new pipes in the bathroom! Then, the next day when they broke one of those new pipes installing something else I didn't know we needed I simply told them, "Hurry put something over that before my wife sees it!" I love Nicaragua. All joking aside, the construction really has gone well. They should be finished with the majority of the work within a week and the rest of the finish work shortly thereafter. Thank you so much for those of you who have given towards this project. We know that God will provide for all that is needed to finish paying off this expansion. Because we have the plan to eventually build a second floor for Sunday School rooms, it was advised that we do all the preparation work for that future project now while material prices are so low. We decided to move forward with that in order to save the church a lot of money in the future. This raised our initial quote of \$11,300 up to \$18,900. With the funds that have come in this month we currently have a total of \$17,800 left to raise. It has been exciting to see our people here taking ownership of this project and not just relying on American churches to foot the bill. A few weeks ago after our evening offering was received one of our men told me that an anonymous offering was given for the church construction. It was a brand new 100 dollar bill! The majority of our people make about 100 Córdoba per day. That is about \$5. That amounts to \$30 a week, \$120 per month, \$1440 per year. This person had given almost one month's salary and about 7% of their yearly income in one offering of love. The Iglesia Bautista Esperanza is so thankful for all you are doing, and I am so glad that they are seeing the need and doing all they can to help meet it!

In our last letter I told you about the teenagers that were saved and then brought their parents who also accepted Christ as their Savior. I had also asked you to pray for Freddy Jr., the only one of the family who had not accepted Christ. A few weeks ago I stopped by the home to talk with Freddy Jr. I asked him if he believed (and then went on to list each detail in the plan of salvation). He told me he definitely believed it all. So I asked him why he hadn't accepted Christ. His response was simply, "I don't know". I then asked, "So what do you think?" He told me, "I think I'd better accept Christ." That Saturday afternoon Freddy Jr. sat on the couch in his home and asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior. The entire family is now waiting for us to finish construction so they can all be baptized as a family in our new baptistery. Experiences like this one never get old! On the following page are photos of Freddy's family and the church construction.

Together with you for Christ,

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Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and financial support. Together we will reach Nicaragua 4 Christ!



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