



Dear Pastor and Church,

August 30, 2008

We are happy to report that we have finished our furlough and are now back in Nicaragua. It was great to visit with family and the churches that have been supporting us for several years now, but we can't express how happy we are to be back with the people who God has called us to and for whom has so burdened our hearts. **(Please note the phone and field address change at the bottom of this letter.)** To be honest, we were a little concerned with how we would find the church upon our return. Other missionaries had warned us that many times during the first furlough the newly established church tends to shrink in attendance, and at times experience problems that come with having several baby Christians. It was a possibility that we would return to undertake a rebuilding process both numerically and spiritually. Again, I am reminded that this is not our work. It is the Lord's! He will protect and maintain what is His, even if our hands aren't in the process. In our absence, our national leadership did a tremendous job. The church was more than maintained, it grew, especially in our children's program. There were thirteen saved, and a new children's outreach started in a neighborhood close to the church. A bus ministry was then started to bring those children to Sunday School. Sure, there were some issues that had to be dealt with, but God once again proved His faithfulness.

Since our return in August, we have seen five accept Christ and two follow in baptism. Also, together with BBFI missionary Jason Rogers, we have begun seminary classes to train our national leaders for full time Christian service. From our church we currently have 3 who have surrendered to do whatever God would have them to do, and are studying to prepare for that work. Please pray earnestly for them as they step out by faith in this new area of service for the Lord. Many new ministries are beginning at our church, and the future holds many more. We are in the process of starting an AWANA club for our children's ministry and hope that it will be up and running soon. We also are in the beginning stages of putting a second floor on our church building. It is greatly needed as the children's and youth ministry need basically the entire first floor. We will be talking to a few architects and construction crews to make plans for what will be the main auditorium, church office and baptistery. This will also give us an idea of the timeframe and cost of such a project. We will keep you informed on this important project.

In January we will be celebrating the third anniversary of our church. We are planning for a very big day. We will start announcing this special day at the beginning of the month and it will take place on the third Sunday. We will be inviting many new people and offering bags of beans and rice for families to take home. We are hoping to not only offer physical help during a very difficult economic depression here in Nicaragua, but also take advantage of the certain large turnout to reach many with the Gospel of Christ. If you would like to help out financially with the purchase of the beans and rice simply note on your donation "Anniversary Outreach" when you send the check to the BBFI. Pray that many will come to know Christ on this special day!

Together with you for Christ,

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