



Dear Pastor and Church,

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Wow! It has been a very busy and very fruitful few months! It is almost hard to decide where to begin this letter. In the last couple months of 2008 we saw 35 accept Christ as Savior and 5 follow in baptism. The majority of these salvations were teenagers from our youth ministry. Following in baptism is a hard step in a Catholic country. Many teenagers would be baptized if their parents would simply give them permission, and others are simply terrified to be submerged in water. So, baptism is an ongoing process.

Marcelo and Carol are two of our teenagers that recently accepted Christ. They are also brother and sister. They were saved in one of our Saturday youth meetings and immediately invited their parents to come to church with them. Their parents agreed and visited the church the following Wednesday. They expressed that they enjoyed the service and would be back in the future. The following Sunday they returned and were sitting on the front row. Jason was preaching a message on spiritual warfare and during the invitation made a plea to those who had never accepted Christ. He literally did not get to finish his sentence! All he said was, "Is there anyone..." when the mother, Margarita, grabbed her husband's hand, stood up and said aloud, "We want to receive Christ! We want to receive Christ!" That evening both Margarita and her husband, Freddy, accepted Christ as Savior! The only one that remains unsaved in this family is their other teenager, Freddy Jr. Freddy Jr. has been reading his Bible and asking a lot of questions. We have no doubt that he will receive Christ very soon. We can't wait to see this entire family saved and following Christ!

The third week of January we took our teenagers to youth camp for the first time. We were really excited but were unsure of what to expect. We took 38 teens from our church along with 15 from another church. Our theme was, "Walking with God". The majority of our teens have accepted Christ and we really wanted to focus on what it means to daily have a relationship with God. We had at least 40 make commitments to "walk with God", to daily read and study God's word and develop an effective prayer life. Since returning from camp our teens have been so excited to invite friends, serve in the church, and reach out to help the community. To be honest, it has been more difficult just trying to keep them busy while they are excited. What a great problem to have!

Immediately following youth camp we began Vacation Bible School for our children's ministry. We opened the doors to "Avalanche Ranch" in which we taught the children that God is real, God is always with us, God is strong, God is awesome, and God is in control. We had around 100 kids each day and witnessed 55 accept Christ as their Savior! We had to shout and give a good ole' "Yee Haw" in praise to His goodness and faithfulness!

2009 has been a great year so far! Our church has been growing at a rapid pace. Every service we are reminded of the desperate need to add a second story to our building. As the adults cram into the front room, and the youth and children literally overflow from the other rooms, I am again reminded that this is a great problem to have. Yet it is a problem that we need to do something about very soon. We are hoping to start construction possibly this month. The entire project will cost \$40,000. We need to have the majority of the construction completed by May when the rainy season starts back up again.



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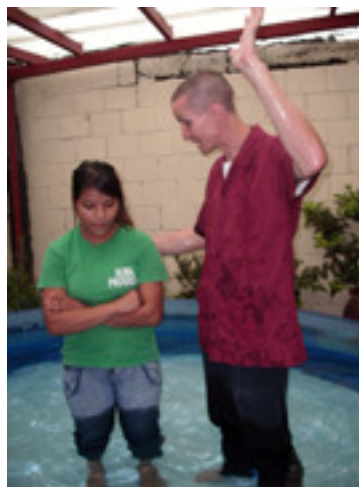
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We have already been saving money towards this project and know that God will provide! If you would like to help us with this desperately needed project we have a fund already set up with the Baptist Bible Fellowship. All donations simply need to be earmarked "Jason Kratochvil/IBE building project". We are so thankful for your faithful prayers and support through the years. All that has happened here is "fruit to your account!" Together we are reaching Nicaragua for Christ! Below are a few pictures of those whom you have impacted through your faithfulness.



Together with you for Christ,

*The Kratochvils*

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