

# The Kratochvil Family

missionaries to Nicaragua

Dear Family and Friends,

March 2008

We have been home on furlough since the first of the year. We have been with many of you, and will be seeing many of you in the next few months. When the songwriter wrote, "Great are you Lord and worthy of glory. Great are you Lord and worthy of praise..." he must have been experiencing something like we have been experiencing over the last few months. To be honest, when we left the field and our baby church full of baby Christians we were a bit concerned with what we would be returning to after a full year on furlough. We really didn't want to be gone for that long, but we had many churches to visit and quite a bit of money to raise for our newly purchased building and van. Though we questioned how, God proved to us that there is nothing impossible for Him nor is He hindered by our time limits. Within the first month and a half that we were home God completely provided the \$38,000 we needed to payoff our church loan and has provided \$14,000 of the needed \$17,000 to payoff our van. Once again we are reminded, "Great are you Lord!" Now we are able to shorten our furlough considerably so that we can get back to our young growing church.

Since we have been gone our church, full of baby Christians, as you can imagine has faced some struggles. Jason returned to Nicaragua for the Easter weekend to take part in what is our biggest service of the year, and to be an encouragement to the people. We not only had a great attendance of over 100, but 11 also accepted Christ as their Savior, and literally almost the entire attendance came forward to either rededicate their lives or surrender to God's will for their lives. After a service that started at 9:00 am we didn't finish dealing with people and actually leave until 12:30 pm! Altogether, in the past two weeks 20 have accepted Christ as Savior. Again I say, "Great are you Lord!" The people were very encouraged to see God working in our baby church, but to be honest we believe we were encouraged even more to see the work continuing on even though the missionaries have only been present 4 days out of the last 3 months.

During his visit to Nicaragua, Jason shared our vision for the church's future. He shared that he desired to see the church grow both numerically and spiritually. He proposed the one thing that would make this a reality above all else would be personal evangelism, one on one soul winning. He said this would be the church's main focus upon our return. It sounds so simple and some may say old fashioned, yet it is what is missing so often in our world today. Would you pray with us as we focus on training real soul winners this year? The following are some other areas in which you can join together with us in prayer:

- ☆ \$3000 to pay off our van
- ☆ \$2500 Children's school entrance fees
- ☆ \$1500 Refrigerator and Stove
- ☆ \$1000 Generator
- ☆ Political stability in Nicaragua
- ☆ Spiritual growth of the new believers

Together with you for Christ,

*The Kratochvils*

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