



Dear Family and Friends,

November 3, 2009

We know that this is an extremely busy time for churches and families. Everyone is hustling to prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We too are busy preparing for special outreach and services that will close out this year. Our main focus now is on our children's Christmas program and drama and youth camp. We are praying for great success and that many will come to know the Lord through each ministry. We covet your prayers for these endeavors also. The children's program and drama will take place on December 20th and youth camp is the last week of January.

In the time that we have been here in Nicaragua one thing that has become increasingly clear is the incredible need for God in families and especially in marriages. It is extremely difficult to teach about the family of God when there is no real understanding of what a family is or should be. We believe we need to start at the root of the family and deal with marriage relationships before we can move on to other issues. In October we started a marriage class centered on "Protecting Your Marriage". The class focuses on what a real marriage should be, how to protect it, and if necessary, how to save it. We are already seeing fruit from this Biblically based study and expect God to work miracles as we progress through this desperately needed study. We currently have eleven couples attending and are excited to see the growth and victories that each has made and will make with the Lord's help.

One of the families that we have been praying for and working with is the Vega family. The Vega's two teenage daughters have been attending the church for over two years. The youngest, Cynthia, was saved some time ago and she and her sister Claudia have been very faithful. About two years ago their father, Silvio, began attending and eventually was baptized and joined the church. For the next year we prayed for their mother, María Teresa, to attend church. Finally she visited and has been pretty faithful over this last year. In the past couple of months this family has really been facing some difficult trials in their family. The father has seemed distraught, the mother and younger daughter developed very hard hearts, and the oldest daughter simply seemed disinterested with everything. We have prayed, spent countless hours counseling, and tried all that we knew but could not seem to break through the wall that had been erected. This past Sunday morning something happened. The music and message all focused on Christ's suffering for us. This timeless truth evidently broke through the wall of pain and rejection as tears flowed down the faces of this family. God continued to work through the afternoon and in our evening service finally revealed what He had been doing. At the conclusion of the invitation the oldest daughter, Claudia, accepted Christ as her Savior. With tears flowing it was evident that God had broken through. The family's attitude had changed. They were "softer" and definitely more receptive. This is what it is all about! God changing people and families! Please continue to pray for this family as we know God will continue his work. Thank you for all your prayers and support. May God richly bless you!

Together with you for Christ,

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