



Nicaragua Base News

Adventures in Missions

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Prayer Requests:

◆ *For the safety and health of all of us while we work in Granada, in light of recent attacks and accidents.*

◆ *For a Young Life partner club in the US.*

◆ *For the success of the House of Prayer project.*

Team House Renovation Completed.

Thanks to private support and a generous “grant” from AIM, we have just finished renovating and outfitting the team house at El Puente. Building up from toppled cinderblock ruins, we have completed spacious side-by-side boys’ and girls’ dormitories with a detached bath house. The seven bedrooms with bunks, sitting rooms and a large porch can accommodate 24 comfortably. The separate bath house has eight showers and washing stations with plenty of capacity. Although we had expected to wait several years before getting to this project, the unanimous desire to house the Awakening team in the barrio where they are working pushed us along. We’ve found the new arrangement to be a boost to the enthusiasm and creativity of the team, allowing them to get to know the neighborhood and its needs better. We are already seeing fruit, as new service and ministry concepts are in formation (see related article on the next page).



The New Team House

Our Mission in Nicaragua.

For those of you who have begun receiving our newsletters only recently, our work in Nicaragua has two dimensions. They are defined and funded through two entities:

AIM: In 2007 we opened the new Nicaragua/Costa Rica base for Adventures in Missions (www.adventures.org). AIM specializes in sending young people to participate in mission projects around the world, offering trips of from one week to a year’s duration. Through these trips, local programs receive the benefit of visiting volunteers, while the volunteers find their worldviews challenged, learn to develop a more profound relationship with our God, and evaluate the commitment to service in their lives. As base directors, we find and evaluate programs and projects in which to employ these volunteers, and help to see that their experiences are as rewarding as possible. As our sponsoring agency, AIM receives and distributes the contributed support that keeps us and our team in the field.

Entrega: Being on the ground, we have a pretty good perspective on the needs and challenges in this area. Recalling “if you build it, they will come”, we purchased property in a poor barrio of Grenada, which we have named El Puente, (the Bridge), pictured in the mast-head. There, we have been building out a number of programs to benefit the inhabitants of the area and introduce the hope we have in Christ, to the lost. As it is not AIM’s desire to own property around the world, El Puente was purchased under a 501(c)3 charity called Entrega, established by a few of us in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2004. Funds for the purchase and renovation of El Puente have been raised or contributed through Entrega and an unrelated foundation. Scholarships for school or drug rehabilitation and assistance for Young Life also come from this fund. We hope this will provide clarity on the mutual mission and interdependence of AIM and Entrega in our work in Nicaragua. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions or questions, so please feel free to contact us.



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New Programs Launched by the Returning Awakening Team.

Upon their return from Christmas break, the 16 member Awakening team has moved from half day in class, half day in ministry to full time ministry. Although they are returning to work with some existing programs, such as the handicapped children's center, the Torre Fuerte feeding program, and the home for seniors, several of the team members have expressed an interest in beginning new projects within the barrio where they are now living. These include:

Women's Bible Study

Although a men's study has been operating out of El Puente for over a year and regularly attracts over 50 participants, we've never begun a women's study. After several neighbors indicated an interest, the Awakening women decided to help us organize a weekly

study in Spanish, with a related child care program for mothers with young children.

Young Life Crafts Business

In response to the need for funds to keep Young Life open, we will be forming a business for the Young Life group to design, produce and sell items which can be made from found materials. These include jewelry from nuts and seeds, purses and jewelry from recycled paper and trash such as chip bags, and candles and ornaments from jicaro gourds. Opportunity International will then sell the items through their *Ojala!* line carried in local gift shops, allocating proceeds to Young Life and the young designers.

Young Life/Hogar Crea Soccer League

To further expand the Young Life programs and reach out to the young men of the Hogar Crea rehabilitation center, a new soccer league

is under development, with 4 teams in the initial stage. Games are played at the field next door to El Puente where we are meeting many new youngsters.



House of Prayer

Since returning in early January, several of the team members have been meeting nightly in the roofless house at the far corner of the El Puente property, praying for the barrio, Granada and for a revival to sweep over the city. One of the young men has a vision for a 24/7 prayer meeting on the International House of Prayer model, and he is securing support from local pastors

who are sending groups to keep the prayers going, (initially) from sun-up to bed time. Eventually, he would like to see a roof and floor on the structure, but in the meantime, its turning out to be a powerful experience for all involved. We're awed by the response we're getting on this project, which was initiated on February 10.

Children's Program at church plant

One of our other young men has found a struggling church deep in the barrio and has offered the pastor to help organize a weekly children's program. This young man also wants to put together a 5k fun run to help raise funds and awareness for Young Life in Granada.

All in all, this group of young people has grasped the chance to make a difference here and are working to make their time count.



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Contributions to Entrega may be made through Dan Goodall

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Leadership Conference held at El Puente.

Calvary Chapel of Buck's County, Pa. has been sending teams to support the work of Pastor Flore's Torre Fuerte church. During the latter part of January they held a leadership development conference at El Puente where 100 representatives from local churches got to know each other, discussed current challenges and offered encouragement and advice. One difficulty of ministry in Nicaragua, and perhaps throughout Central America, is the hesitation among churches to work together for the good of all. There is a tendency toward territoriality which weakens the Church's larger mission. So for us to see any venue that successfully mixes various congregations and denominations is very encouraging, and something to be celebrated. We were happy to learn that Calvary Chapel intends to offer similar programs annually, or more frequently if possible, which can only strengthen the move toward cooperation in Granada.

