



El Puente, Granada, Nicaragua

Nicaragua Base News

Adventures in Missions

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Prayer Requests:

◆ For the safety and health of all of us working in Granada, in light of escalating local violence.

◆ For a Young Life partner club in the US.

◆ For the education of the Kaye children.

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House of Prayer Completed.

The brainchild of the 2008/09 First Year Missionaries team, the small cinderblock ruin in the corner of the property has been restored into the Nicaragua House of Prayer (NHOP). With a new roof and floor, this airy space hosts prayer meetings throughout the week, day and night. Pastor Flores' Torre Fuerte congregation will be developing a city-wide network to establish 24/7 prayer, hoping to involve the various churches around town in a (rare) shared venture. Visitors to the NHOP agree that this charming space is a perfect spot for tranquil reflection and petition. Following the winding, tree shaded path to the House is a treat, and it has become our favorite spot in Granada.



Peniel Sponsorship and Aftercare Program.

Who would have guessed a little over a year ago, when we sponsored our first young man for drug rehab, that the whole thing would grow into a major facet of our ministry in Granada? But that is where we find ourselves today, with over 3 dozen graduates to date. One of the greatest joys is to help these men see the biblical examples of restoration and taking responsibility for one's behavior. Two recent graduates have asked if we could officiate at their marriages. We have been joined by Frank and Rebecca Burder of Birmingham, Alabama in working with the young men both during and after their rehabilitation experiences. The community of graduates are forming a strong support network, and just about every trip through town includes a smiled greeting from some young man formerly burdened by addiction.



Life in Nicaragua.

About once a week we have moments when we say to ourselves, "we are not in Kansas any more". Our most recent involved the near demolition of our car, along with a house, telephone pole and a half dozen other vehicles in our neighborhood, by a stolen truck. The last straw after numerous indignities on the street, like the theft of rear view mirrors, lock-out hubs, and batteries, the car has been mostly put back in order, (excepting rear view mirrors) and now resides in a garage several blocks from our house, where its safety can be better assured. We're wondering if it would be smarter to use a three wheeled "moto cart" for trips within Granada, which could be parked in the front vestibule of our house at night. After all this, we finally figured out why there are so few cars on the street at night...



Highlights from a Summer Full of Teams, Ministry and Projects

Since our last letter, the new dorms have played host to over 100 visiting missionaries, including teams from AIM, Covenant School, various churches, a medical clinic and another pastors' conference. It has also allowed us to provide affordable and safe housing for a number of longer term volunteer workers. Through their efforts initiatives for the city include:

Caring For The Least



While investigating health and sanitation issues in Granada, Charles visited the local dump to see where the city's trash goes. What he found was a community of Granada's poorest working to reclaim whatever they can find from the city garbage. A weekly feeding program, care station and church outreach are taking hold, soon

to expand to twice weekly, with talk of a school for the children.

Young Life Crafts Business



In response to the need for funds to keep Young Life open in Granada, we have formed a business to design, produce and sell items which can be made from found materials by the club members. These include jewelry from seeds and beads and candles and ornaments from jicaro gourds. Sales have been brisk, through the base and local gift shops, and proceeds are allocated to Young Life and the young designers. Our creations will also be sold at a Nicaraguan products fair in Miami.

Medical and Eyeglass Clinic

Paperwork, regulations, delays, misinformation and panic. Welcome to the process of getting approval for a

medical outreach in Nicaragua. We thought that having gone through this last year, we would be old hands. Well not quite...yet the Charlottesville team, assisted by youth from Trinity Church, outdid even last year's effort, including visits with residents at the local dump. We are blessed by their gift of time and resources, and count our times with them among the best of the year.

Children's Program at church plant, 5K Fun Run...

One of our young missionaries found a struggling church deep in the barrio and offered to help organize a weekly children's program. In April, this young man also put together a highly successful 5k fun run to raise funds and awareness for Young Life in Granada. These are just a few of the initiatives begun by a dynamic community of volunteer partners.

All in all, visitors of all ages are grasping the chance to make a difference here and are working to make their time count.



4 Generations Waiting for the Dr.



New Library at El Puente



Wholesome Fun at Vida Joven



Library/Literacy Center Opens.

With the help of a generous donation from one of you, a dirt floored room at El Puente has been transformed into a library and literacy center for the neighborhood. We're conducting weekly reading programs for the local children, and have noted growing interest from all ages who would like to learn to read and have no other opportunities to do so. Not yet a lending library, it is a place where we have seen former gang leaders from the neighborhood reading to those who



cannot, divorced fathers bringing their children to read to them on daddy's day, and little ones holding a book for the first time. If you are headed this way, and would like to bring a book or two with you, we are particularly in need of didactic literature for children and young adults in Spanish. We would be happy to provide you an email with our current list of about 150 titles in Spanish and English.

Contributions to the work of Sarah & Charles at the Nicaragua Base may be made through:

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