

The Randalls

Managua, Nicaragua

¡Feliz Año Nuevo de Nicaragua!

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Family Togetherness! For the first time in two years, our family spent Christmas together in Nicaragua! What an adventure it was from the start as Leah and Anna, who flew standby, were bumped from their flights and ended up flying to Costa Rica and then taking a bus to Nicaragua, a wonderful way to intersect with ordinary people as you all become traveling companions. Friends were made along the way!

Fiesta de Navidad: One of our favorite activities was a special Christmas gathering with the surf gang and some of their families at La Boquita and Pochomil. God touched hearts through his Word which is powerful beyond human ability. Much of their exposure to Christianity has been negatively associated with bondage to rules instead of a relationship with Jesus. God's Holy Spirit is working continually in their hearts to reveal who Jesus is and to invite them to walk in the Light of his Word. What a blessing it was to spend this time together! Pray for the surfers and their families that the light of Christ would shine upon them!



Elijah's Pantry: Brian, one of the surfers at Pochomil, is about fifteen and lives with his parents, his younger sister and baby brother. Brian's mother represents many others in the community. She has never learned to read and has no way of helping with her family's needs. Brian's father travels back and forth to Costa Rica to find work since employment opportunities are very dim in Nicaragua. Elijah's Pantry has been a blessing to Brian's family and others in the community. Pray for the families at Pochomil, that the Living Word would be revealed to them and that all their needs would be met.

Divine Appointment, a note from Kevin – One September morning I awoke with a very strong desire to go and visit the children's hospital in Managua. So, I called a friend and a few days later we set out to visit and pray with children at the hospital. At the front gate, we were told we could not enter because of an epidemic of dengue. We went to the main office and again, we were denied permission. Next, we went to the director's office, knocked and as we entered, the director was in the middle of a heated discussion over the lack of equipment to meet all the needs. Seems we were



there at just the right time because in response to our request, he said with desperation, "Yes! Come back at 2 o'clock to PRAY!" That's the day we met, among many others, Jarbin, a fourteen-year-old boy suffering from leukemia, and his mother, Juana. That day we developed a special bond and have returned many times to encourage, share Scripture, pray and provide necessities. We met other children, as well, some who have already entered heaven's gates. Pray for Jarbin, who has come to know Jesus, his constant companion, the one who sent us that day as his messengers.

With much love and appreciation,

Mark, Kevin, Sarah, Leah & Anna

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