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"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, For the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Ps. 31:8



2017

Christmas in Nicaragua

As Covid 19 spread across the world, it has made everything more difficult. Traveling to Nicaragua requires a negative Covid test 72 hours before landing. There is only one airline flying to Managua and those on board have to spend the night in El Salvador. So instead, we decided to fly to Costa Rica and get tested there. We would then travel by land to the border where Nelson, our Accountant, and Administrator, would meet us and drive us to Jinotega.



We left Pensacola early Monday morning and arrived in Liberia, Costa Rica around noon. We quickly got a hotel room and then walked to the clinic where they do the required Covid swab test to enter Nicaragua. The next afternoon we received the results. I checked my email and was negative Jim checked his and he was positive! We were shocked as he had no symptoms whatsoever.

The next morning, we decided that I would continue to Nicaragua alone and Jim would return home and quarantine for the next two weeks.

I hired a taxi and loaded up six suitcases and headed for the border. Getting six suitcases over the Costa Rica border and into Nicaragua proved to be a huge challenge by myself. Two of my most trusted, loyal, and important Nicaraguan employees for decades, met me at the border. I was so excited to see Nelson and Ivonne waiting on the other side of immigration.

When we arrived at the orphanage in Jinotega, I was delighted to see many of our "former residents" waiting for me! They were eager to help me with all of the luggage and the gifts from many of our sponsors!

While I was there, I was able to visit several of the children's new homes and get to know their new families or caregivers.

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On December 26th, we hosted a huge gathering of 100 plus people that consisted of the children who we were able to make contact with and many of their family members or caregivers. We also had some of our former employees and several local dignitaries who voiced ongoing support for our ministry. The dignitaries' request was not to leave them but to please help as we can. I assured them that was our intent and vision.



Our cook, Marta, did an amazing job with the food and presentation. Nelson preached a dynamic gospel message and I shared a few words especially for the children who had been under our care for so many years.

Before I left Nicaragua, I was able to meet with Nelson, Ivonne, and Patricia, who prepared our Feasibility Study of community needs in the area. We are so excited about what lies ahead for our new and expanded ministry! Thank you so much for staying with us these many years!



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2021 – A New Year of opportunities to reach even more children!

After the abrupt government-mandated closure of our home for abandoned and abused children in late October, our hearts have been heavy, confused, and very concerned. We have been in a time of prayer and evaluation as to our next step as a ministry. Our feasibility advisor has spent two months conducting interviews and doing extensive research of the areas of need in our community and surrounding areas. The results are no real surprise – extreme poverty conditions, neglect, drug abuse, (mostly glue sniffing), sex abuse, teen pregnancy, and child labor....revealing there is no emphasis on education or the basic needs of life.

After a time of prayer and receiving good counsel, we feel we have a great new opportunity as a ministry. There is a great need for education and counseling. Many children struggle with school, have no skills to get a job or help facing the trauma in their lives. Our prayer is to open in February, the “Jinotega Community Pre-Vocational Center”. Along with general education classes, skilled classes offered will include:

- English
- Computer Science
- Sewing
- Cooking and Baking
- Sports – Soccer and baseball

The students will also be provided with two healthy meals a day. Saturdays will be dedicated to the follow-up and care of the children who were once residents in our home.

- *Sandy Britnell*

Director, CODN

A word from Linda: Creating a Positive Change

As the Sandinista/Nicaraguan government shut down most of the orphanages in Nicaragua, we were told nothing of where the children were being taken. We thank God for the most wonderful and dedicated Nicaraguan staff who wasted no time going out into the communities and locating most of our children!

Unfortunately, there are a few children that we have not located or been able to see yet, but we are diligent in our efforts to do so.

With constant prayer over our next steps, God began leading the way. As Sandy previously stated, we are in the process of re-establishing the orphanage into “The Jinotega Community Pre-Vocational Center”. By moving in this direction, we will be able to continue to keep our children under our wings and also reach out to the other children in the surrounding communities. At our new revised center, they will receive general education, skill training, meals and daily devotionals teaching them about God. We will also reach out to the families and caregivers of the children by supplying them with food and needed amenities.

We are looking forward to a much larger ministry ahead of us and believe this is the path God wants us to follow. All children around the world deserve a chance at a good life, and we plan to bring that chance to our place in the mountains of Jinotega! Now more than ever, we will still need your support and/or continued sponsorship. We hope you will continue to partner with us as we move forward on our journey into this new ministry.

God Bless!

-Linda