

# The Randalls

## Managua, Nicaragua

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Genaro - Elijah's Pantry

**Surf Huddle Mourns Deeply:** Sebastian, one of the guys from the surf huddle at La Boquita, and his brother Santiago had been orphaned from their teens and had learned to survive on their own. Both took part in surf contests and ministry outreaches where we showed films like Noah's Arc, a documentary featuring top Christian surfer Noah Snyder. Both attended evangelistic outreaches and Bible studies and were introduced to Jesus Christ. Recently, we received news that Sebastian was killed in a drowning accident. In his grief, Santiago has turned to alcohol for comfort. We are deeply saddened by Sebastian's death and our hearts go out to his brother as he mourns his loss. A sense of hopelessness suspends its dark cloud and obscures the view, yet we are more than hopeful as we shine the light of the Gospel among those living in darkness. Pray for eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to know Jesus. Pray for Santiago to receive the comfort provided by his heavenly Father.

**Amen, a little louder!** One Saturday morning after sign language class, we gathered in the chapel for a devotion from the chaplain, Genaro. Since Genaro is deaf, he 'spoke' in sign language while an interpreter spoke in Spanish. One could easily be entertained as Genaro 'speaks' because in addition to signs, he also uses much expression, with gestures and body language to aid in getting his message across. At the closing of his message, he prayed, and as is the custom everyone gathered in the chapel signed 'Amen'. In order to do this, your left palm is facing up while your right hand forms a fist which moves down upon your palm. Our vigor didn't match Genaro's so he insisted that we say 'Amen' a little louder by pounding our fist down into our palm. All across the chapel, you could hear the biggest, loudest 'BAM', as fists pounded down! AMEN!

**Emanuel** is a young man who lived on the streets and was living a lifestyle of hopelessness, until one day two years ago when he surrendered his life to Jesus. It's been a difficult journey for Emanuel since his parents are both alcoholics and his home life is very oppressive. The school for the deaf has not only been a shelter of protection and peace but a place where he has been able to find a community who are like family. Even though he is a few years behind, Emanuel is grateful beyond words for the opportunity to attend classes at the school for the deaf where he is in seventh grade. On behalf of Emanuel, thank you for making this possible with your prayerful and financial partnership! If you'd like to give towards helping children attend the school, mark your gift 'School for the Deaf'.



Emanuel (far left)

**Family News:** We are currently in the US where Mark is undergoing medical treatment for Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) and Leah just underwent her third surgery for residual thyroid cancer. We are in the midst of the battle and would appreciate your prayers for complete healing and well-being. The battle is the Lord's! We trust in Him!

With much love and appreciation,

Mark, Kevin, Sarah, Leah's Anna

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