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## 2014 Off to a Running Start!

Nicaragua Christian School has had a great start to the new school year! There are now 351 students enrolled in preschool through seventh grade. Below are listed some highlights of the new school year:

- ⇒ English classes for fourth through seventh grade classes!
- ⇒ Official government approval for high school (seventh through eleventh grade)!
- ⇒ Bible curriculum in Spanish in place for every student!
- ⇒ All thirty-two sixth grade students returned for the 2014 school year and their first year of high school! What a blessing!
- ⇒ The Nicaraguan Ministry of Education (MINED) ranked NCS as second place ranking out of the fifty schools in the León school district, exceeded only by a private school that has been around for a hundred years and charges substantial tuition!
- ⇒ Flavia Alejandra Lopez, a sixth grade student, placed third in the national athletic competition recently. She and two other girls will represent Nicaragua in an international competition!
- ⇒ After a long shipping and customs process twenty-two computers, audio-visual and network equipment arrived on campus, the new lab has been installed and a computer teacher has been hired!

A group from Jackson Christian School visited the campus in March. There were seventeen students and four adults who worked on various projects, including taking school pictures of



*School Pictures!*

### Email Newsletter Launched

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*Preschool Hug-n-Howdy Time for JCS*



*Meeting the New Computer Teacher*

all the children. Another group from the states is planning a medical campaign on the campus June 7-14.

Nicaragua Christian School is growing and getting better all the time. What a great blessing it is to the lives of so many children and their families! We are so grateful to all of the supporters who make the school possible.

## New Computer Lab

NCS has been greatly blessed to have 21 computers and all the equipment necessary to teach and extend the network donated by LaDane Foundation, which was founded by LaDane Williamson. The computers finally, cleared customs in Managua and we brought them to the computer lab at NCS. We have 18 computers for teaching students, 2 for the teachers, and 1 server. Very few schools in Nicaragua have the ability to teach computer, especially for free. That makes this especially exciting to the families of our students because virtually none of them could ever afford this instruction. Tables were built and the computers and all the equipment was installed by John Bentley, Matthew Sorrell, and Eric Karkau during the last week of March.

Thank you so much to everyone who made this wonderful addition to the school become a reality. Computer classes are now in progress. This is such a blessing!



*7th Graders Tour the New Lab*

### 7th Grade

There is tremendous pressure on children in Nicaragua to drop out of school to work, stay home to care for younger siblings, or join friends on the street. They are especially vulnerable as they finish elementary school and move into the 7th grade. We are very encouraged that all 32 of the 2013 sixth graders are attending 7th grade. This is quite a complement to the school staff.

## Bible Curriculum | Judy Bentley

I find it interesting as to what draws people to Nicaragua Christian School. Everyone is drawn to the sweet, beautiful children. But then people make it personal. It usually involves some need they see. My husband goes and builds things & installs some type of computer technology. The little library got my attention, and then I wondered about what Bible material the teachers were using. It can be difficult to prepare daily lessons for each subject that a teacher is presenting. I thought this was something I might be able to do.

I came home and checked with one of my co-teachers, Kathy Henton. She taught Spanish at Jackson Christian & was a missionary in Argentina for many years. She knew of some coloring pages & puzzles available on the Internet, but had seen this need for Spanish Bible material several years before. So we began to piece together material. She moved away, but continued to help when she could. Since I don't speak Spanish, I would have been stuck, except her teaching replacement jumped right into this big project. The curriculum would not have happened without many hours of hard work from Stephanie Brown. At times I would ask her how many hours it took her to do something. She never gave me a straight answer. I quit asking.



*La Escuela Verde Grande (The Big Green School)*

We were able to deliver the new material to the school on our spring break trip in March. There is material for daily Bible lessons for each grade from the three-year-old class to the 5th grade. We provided temporary material for grades six and seven. We have begun working to develop material for the teenagers. Xiomara seemed very pleased with the curriculum. School had started in February, and she said the teachers and students had missed the student workbooks.

There were several other people who have helped develop the curriculum. Morgan Sorrell, a Harding University student, spent part of her summer beginning material for the first grade in Spanish. Julia Strange and Eve Clouse helped prepare new visuals for two of the preschool classes. We are very grateful to all that have helped, but especially to the teachers who are presenting these lessons to the children. Their love for the students is so evident. There is no other subject they will teach that will have a greater impact on the students' lives.

### 2014 Medical Campaign

The medical campaign is set for June 7-14 on the NCS campus. If you are interested in partnering with us financially to make the trip possible or in going yourself give David McCrary a call. And please be praying for the trip!

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

*Judy Bentley & Stephanie Brown*

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