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Reflections on the NCS Graduation

By Glen & Kathy Henton



Kathy and I were glad we were able to be at NCS for this year's class promotions and the high school graduation. We saw many things that showed us the high quality of education in the school, the great behavior of our students, and how Christ is honored and kept at the center of the school and its activities.

The days of celebration and activities began on Tuesday, November 28 with a devotional for the students and parents. There were about 500 in attendance for the evening that also included the introduction of the Parent's Board (like a PTA) and some special gifts to the cleaning ladies by that board for all their work. "Honor to whom honor is due!" Romans 13:7

There were class parties and the official close of classes on Wednesday, November 29 with a school wide goodbye as each student, beginning with the graduating high school class, walked by in file and each greeted and hugged everyone else. There was laughter and the shedding of not a few tears as they departed. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

There was a general cleaning day on Thursday, November 30 by about 200 parents where there was great organization and harmony. Ephesians 4:16, "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

On Saturday, December 1, there were two formal promotions (from preschool to the 1st grade and from the 6th grade to high school). The third assembly was for the 32 graduating from high school this year. This is the 6th year for graduating high school students and a total of 207 for the school. It was a day of celebration, serious reflection, tears, and laughter. It was beautiful to see the love and pride of the parents for their children, the children for their parents, the teachers for their students, and students for their teachers. Matthew 7:12, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

On Sunday, December 3, there was a dinner to honor the first group of former NCS students who were graduating from college. At the dinner, the plaque in honor of the McCrarys was revealed and all enjoyed a few minutes giving them hugs and thanking them for all they had done with God's help. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:3-6

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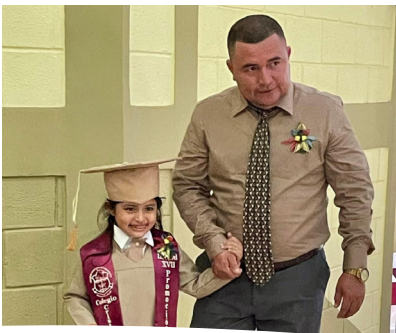
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Blessings Through Change

My wife Lisa and I were able to attend the NCS graduation ceremonies in December. There is an old saying that states, "the more things change, the more they stay the same." On one side was David, NCS President Emeritus, and Brenda McCrary being honored for their many years of service to the school. On the other side was Glen, NCS President, and Kathy Henton learning how they could support and serve the school. On one side there were pre-school students enjoying their first graduation ceremony. On the other side there were the first NCS students to finish college. A work that began in 2007 now had students who had finished college. One part of me missed Armando, Sandra's husband, who passed away from Covid-19 complications. However, when I asked his daughter, Odad, who had just graduated what she was going to study at the university she said medicine. I held back a tear because her dad would be so proud of all that she had accomplished. I have no doubt that she will serve others with her talents like her parents. I was reminded that the work at the school was not about any one person. It was about being a family and continuing to serve because that is what family does. Michael J. Fox said, "Family is not an important thing - it's everything." I am so thankful to be part of the Nicaragua Christian School family. When you support the school, you are touching lives for eternity and are a part of a beautiful family.

In Christian love, Dr. Nathan Lewis



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