

# Difference Makers

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## Thankful For Difficulties

By Glen Henton

This past June 28, a group of 21 from the Salem Creek congregation in Murfreesboro, TN and 11 from the Crosswinds church in Jackson, TN traveled to Leon. The combined groups were to go and help conduct a VBS for the church that meets on the property of Nicaragua Christian School. It was a great week, but there were a few difficulties.

First, the group from Salem Creek encountered delay and confusion by the airline agents resulting in 6 of the group flying at different times. Next, the luggage was also delayed, and all 24 bags arrived a day late and 7 bags with the VBS material were retained and were not released until Monday, July 1, 2 days after VBS was to start. And, it rained heavily (not characteristic for Nicaragua that time of year) on Saturday the 29th, and it seemed it would affect the Ladies' Conference scheduled for that day.



Some of the almost 400 who enjoyed hearing stories from God's word.

We could see the Lord working as things unfolded. Several got their heads together and came up with a "plan B" for what to teach on Sunday and Monday. So about 300 eager students received messages from the Word on Sunday and Monday in spite of the difficulties. On Wednesday, the final day, there were 396 in attendance!

In Acts 14:22, part of the message that Paul & Barnabas shared with Christians is that "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." God can take any trial and turn it into a victory if we are faithful. Thanks, brothers and sisters from Salem Creek and Crosswinds, for your dedication to the task and your faithfulness in uncomfortable circumstances.



As a part of the group's creativeness, "Jonah's Great Fish" was made from garbage bags!

From its beginning until today, Nicaragua Christian School has had times of difficulties and trials. Through it all, God is victorious as seen in the faces of the 563 students receiving a Christian education this very day!

Making a difference,  
every child, every day.

♥ 1,325

Volunteers Worldwide

🎓 563

Current Students

🏛️ 68

University Students

\$1.8M

Donated

CHANGE A LIFE  
**TODAY!**

Sponsoring a child is **\$40 per month** which provides school uniforms, school supplies, and nutritional meals every day.

NCS graduates attending college can be sponsored for **\$125 per month**. College scholarship students are required to maintain a certain GPA, check in weekly with the director of the college scholarship program, and volunteer each month on the NCS campus.

For more information about sponsoring any of our students, contact Kim Bracken at [kimbracken4@gmail.com](mailto:kimbracken4@gmail.com) or 731.431.8688 or go to [NicaraguaChristian.org](http://NicaraguaChristian.org) and click **Donate Now**.

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
**Nicaragua Christian School Benefit Dinner**

September 14, 2024

5:30 - 7:00pm

Middle Tennessee Christian School

Purchase tickets at [nicaraguachristian.org](http://nicaraguachristian.org)

# Blessings Through Service

"Our family was fortunate to be part of the VBS mission team and had an incredible week at Nicaragua Christian School (NCS). We saw firsthand the amazing work God is doing there! We had the honor of meeting some of the teachers, a few of whom were former students and have now come back to teach the next generation and had a great time with the children who won our hearts with their smiles and hugs! One of the most fulfilling parts was seeing our teenage daughters form lasting friendships with the Nicaraguan teens, which have continued even after we returned home. We are thankful to have contributed to the positive impact at NCS and are excited to see how God will continue to bless the school!"

- *The Wilson Family; Bryan, Jamie, Paige, and Courtney*

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to spend time and learn about the work of Nicaragua Christian School. From the short time we spent there I could see that the children, their families and the staff held the school as a special place in their heart. The children truly loved being there and learning. The staff truly treats the school as a mission for God's kingdom. My heart was truly touched by each and every individual I had the pleasure of interacting with in Nicaragua. I would highly encourage others to visit NCS and learn first hand about all the great work that is being done."

- *Julie Charles*

"I am deeply grateful for our trip to Nicaragua Christian School in León, Nicaragua. Although this is only my second year participating, I have formed lasting friendships and am continually amazed by the wonderful work being done at the school and the congregation that gathers there. The ladies' conference on Saturday was particularly inspiring, with nearly 500 women attending, many of whom do not regularly attend church. This event serves as a powerful outreach mission."

The school provides incredible opportunities for the children, offering them not only a quality education but also the chance to aspire to careers like doctors, nurses, and teachers — goals they may not have believed were possible. Additionally, they learn so much about God and the positive impact He can have in their lives."

- *Jennifer Costello*

"I had the opportunity to speak with one of the college students that had attended NCS since she was 6 years old. We talked about several surface level subjects and then she finally asked, "why would someone who doesn't even know me care enough to send their hard earned money to help me get an education?" She was astounded at the huge gift. I thought about it for a minute and said, "the money is not ours but God's." We both cried and hugged. Being able to personally witness God changing lives (both hers and mine) was what I appreciated the most about this trip."

- *Lisa Lewis*



"Greg and I love the compassion and love that the Nicaragua people have for us. The week goes by so fast but the friendships we made are eternal. We go to teach their children about Christ and we are the ones who are truly blessed!"

- *Greg and Debbie Sells*

"Going to Nicaragua was an amazing experience. One of the things we wanted to do while we were there was meet some of the children we have sponsored. Little did we know how emotional it would be to meet the precious faces of children that we see everyday on our fridge. These children we prayed for and thought about often, but now we will have a deeper love and commitment to pray for them daily."

- *Suzanne Chapman*



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