



NICARAGUA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COLEGIO CRISTIANO EN NICARAGUA

New Director | Jan Edwards

Nearly every large company would have "Employees" at the top of its "Most Valuable Assets" list. However, anyone with more than a casual knowledge of Nicaragua Christian School (NCS) would acknowledge that our God holds that spot. With respect to the school's existence and ongoing success, God is definitely involved and glorified. Second on NCS's list of Assets though would be Employees. All the men and women, regardless of their position, seem to love the children and the school. They seem unified in the goal of educating and preparing the students for the future.

This unity has been developing over the years and took another great step forward with the promotion of Sandra Salinas Delgadillo to the role of Head Administrator this past December. Sandra is a professional counselor and had served the school two days a week for the previous two years as staff counselor for the children. Sandra is also the wife of Dr. Armando Rufino Delgadillo who serves as the lead Preacher for the congregation that uses the school's facilities. They have a daughter, 8, and a son, 6. In December Sandra assumed the role of Head Administrator and spent December and January preparing for the 2015 School Year which began February.



New Director Sandra

Even with the language barrier you can't help but get caught up in Sandra's excitement. She has a vision for NCS and the potential it has for affecting the lives of all associated with it, not just the children but their parents and staff as well. Sandra has many ideas that she would like to implement. One of those ideas is to partner with the local university to provide student teachers. This would provide practical experience opportunities for the student teachers and also provide additional classroom assistance for our teachers. There are dreams for the high school and what it will provide and possible technical training for the students and their parents.

Her ready smile and infectious laugh become serious though when she talks about the partnership between the school and the body of believers that meet on the property. She believes that while education is of great importance and would be unobtainable for most of the students there without Nicaragua Christian School and its sponsors the opportunity to introduce our Lord and Savior to the community is also a great desire.

Near the end of our time there, I asked our interpreter, Sergio Mungia, what he thought about the school. He had been there a couple of years prior and after thinking said: "There is joy here." I immediately remembered a quote from my devotional reading that week which said: "Happiness depends on happenings, but joy depends on Christ" (Life Application Bible). I believe that our God is number one on the list here at Nicaragua Christian School.



Maria and Manuel with David

Math Competition Success | Jan Edwards

During a recent visit to Nicaragua Christian School, we had the privilege of attending the awards ceremony for the National Math Competition. There were 60 students recognized for excellence from 600 schools in the Region. NCS was proudly represented by two Seventh Grade students, Maria Isabela Munoz Sequeira and Manuel Salvador Tellez Picado. This was an impressive ceremony and became obvious that it was highly important for the Department of Education. Along with being acknowledged for their achievements, there was a monetary award for the students, as well. I asked each of the students to write in a paragraph or two telling what the award meant to them. Isabela said that she has been a student at NCS for four years and

feels much honored to be able to attend. She is appreciative of the direction provided by the North American sponsors and the Head Administrator, Sandra Delgadillo. It was a source of pride to represent her school. She said, "I thank our Heavenly Father, my Director, teachers, and my parents that have helped me." Manuel felt much the same. He said it had been hard work but he was proud that he could represent his school in this manner. He was thankful for the help he had received from his teachers and parents and the friends of the school. Manuel would like to be a doctor someday. Congratulations to both of these young people and to all the students that work hard every day to excel in their studies.



Jackson Christian School Annual Visit | John Bentley

2015 marks the 6th year that Jackson Christian School has taken a group of students to Nicaragua Christian School over Spring Break. Although we only had 6 students in the group this year we had one of the best trips ever. We worked with the church that meets on campus during their very successful youth campaign. During the campaign there were 11 baptisms, most of which were 8th graders at the school (the oldest students on campus and thus leaders). Half the 8th grade class are now Christians. It is easy to see that God is working on campus and in the community. The synergy that exists because of Sandra and Dr. Armando is palpable. There is a feeling of teamwork, peace, and joy in the church there and on campus that is hard to explain. It's like all our prayers have been powerfully answered and God is challenging us to think even bigger.

We spent our project time taking school pictures for the 4th year, and worked on the library. And boy, what a showing we made. We took inventory of all the books this year so that we would know what is lacking. The library now has roughly 900 books in it, and it is really seeing a lot of



New Library Shelves

use. JCS has supplied approximately 70% of all the books through book drives and fundraisers. The new Director, Sandra, has appointed a part-time librarian (Moises) and has started allowing students to check out books and take them home. This is a huge blessing for the students. Imagine trying to read even a short novel in the 15 minutes of recess and for 2 hours after school (the hours that Moises is able to keep it open). The girls decorated one wall of the library with the handprint of every student on campus, and it looks amazing. And the guys built 8 new bookshelves worthy of any library and large enough to hold an estimated 10,000 books! It was "Extreme Makeover, Library Edition."



Dr. Armando prays over those



Handprints on the Library Wall

Urgent Call for Sponsors!

This year Nicaragua Christian School was tremendously blessed to add 79 students! But they all need sponsors. How often do you get an opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child? The children at Nicaragua Christian School get everything they need to excel in school, including clothes, medical attention, glasses, shoes or psychological counseling and we never ask the sponsor to pay extra for these things. All children are treated the same whether they live in a concrete block home with a flushing commode or in a cardboard and plastic shack and sleep on a dirt floor. We cannot provide what these children need without your support. Please help us to continue providing these children the support they need to become educated and to get to know Jesus Christ by sponsoring a child for only \$40.00 a month. Then make plans to go visit your child and eventually go see them graduate.



School Pictures!

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