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Healing for Body and Soul

June 7-14 Nicaragua Christian School hosted 28 people from 6 congregations in West Tennessee for a medical missions campaign. In the name of Jesus they treated 1670 people in their medical clinic. Their dentists pulled 159 teeth. 574 people can now read their Bibles clearly thanks to their eye clinic. Every patient was invited to a nightly gospel meeting. In addition to the great fellowship and spiritual encouragement to all the members in attendance, 3 members were restored and 2 people were baptized.

With the love of Jesus many gifts were given out. The elementary students at JCS donated 370 loop bracelets. The Soddy Daisy church of Christ donated 1500+ bead bracelets with God's story written in Spanish. The women and young ladies of Crosswinds church of Christ handmade 75 "pillowslip" dresses, which made 75 under-privileged girls feel beautiful in God's love. Donated wheelchairs were given to those in need. One was given to a seamstress who had no legs, and one was given to a teenager with Cerebral Palsy so his mother no longer had to carry him everywhere she went.

The team would like to say thanks to NCS for the generous use of their wonderful facilities. The team would also like to say thanks to those who carried on without them while they were away, and to those who prayed for their strength, health, wisdom and safety on this trip. It is thanks to everyone's help and God's blessings that every member of this team would count this year's trip a grand success.



2014 Medical Mission Team

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Sponsor this child!



The Salem Creek Church of Christ took a team to NSC for VBS this summer. They accompanied the 2nd and 3rd grades to a nursing home where NSC goes often. The team was very impressed by the way the children from NCS visited and associated with the older people. They presented skits and gave big hugs and gifts for each of these residents

Growth is a good thing!

Nicaragua Christian School is Growing! This is a good thing. Growing means more children. More children means more classrooms, more teachers to teach in those classrooms, more books and supplies for them to learn, more food to feed them a decent lunch and more medical supplies to help the sick ones. Mainly, more children means more young people hearing and learning the good news of Jesus Christ daily.

All of this is accomplished thru sponsoring a child at NCS. Many of you reading this newsletter are already sponsors. Several of you sponsor more than one child and we thank you for your support. We need your help, not just from sponsors but everyone reading this, in letting us tell your friends and neighbors about NCS. Help us make connections with other churches, civic groups, business leaders or interested individuals.

The sacrifice is not that great for most of us. Forty dollars a month is about the cost of a Mexican meal for a family of four. That same forty dollars at NCS takes care of a child's needs for a month; teachers, supplies, medicine, and food. If everyone would help us recruit one friend or relative, we would have this need met for years to come.

God has given us a great opportunity here to spread the gospel, save souls, feed the hungry, attend to the sick, and mend broken hearts. Being a sponsor helps us as much, if not more, than it does the child. The smiles and the love shown by the child is priceless. Please contact us today with your suggestions for potential sponsors.



alem Creek Church of Christ (formally Minerva Drive Church of Christ) made its sixth annual trip to Nicaragua Christian School to conduct a four day Vacation Bible School. Our team size has varied on each trip and this year we had seventeen members with several first time members.

Our primary objective on each trip is to teach God's word to the children at the school and the children who live around the school. We do this by going through the area around the school on Saturday handing out flyers and speaking to people through Interpreters to invite them to come.



Salem Church of Christ VBS Team

Another objective is to help our team members see and understand the difference in how things are in Nicaragua versus at home in the US, to interact with the children in VBS and out of class so that the children can see their love for them, and taking them to see as many things as possible in our limited stay that will enlighten them about the country of Nicaragua. Each year offers different opportunities and this year was no exception. On Wednesday we visited a handicap center in the morning with 70 children from the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. The children, along with their teachers, Xiomara, and the seventeen of us filled our transportation bus full and off we went to this Home that the children visit 2 or 3 times each year. Watching how the school children blessed the

residents at the home with singing, skits, gifts, conversation, and in general just making their day special made for a special day for us folks too.

Kevin Lavender was one of the team members who went on the trip. Kevin says:

For the past few years I have had the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua Christian School and help conduct a VBS. Now that I have moved into a new phase of my life it gives me time to reflect on the previous mission trips.

What really sticks with me after every trip are the relationships that I build with members in the group and local Nicaraguans. Year after year one interpreter, Roberto, was always at VBS and always helped with my class. Even though we only spend a few precious hours with each other every year it is still a bond that is not easily broken. Sharing special moments with someone makes the work leading up to the trip worth every second.

The relationships I have built within our group are extremely difficult to define or even describe. The depth and strength of these relationships surpass any friendship I had before going on the trip. We developed bonds that made us brothers and sisters. Life would never be the same once we got back home. We all carry this memory of a different time and different place where life was so simple and peaceful.

So what does this trip mean to me? The memories and relationships I built over the trips will last for the rest of my life. I came to know people in a way that only happens in extraordinary moments. For anyone thinking about going on a mission trip I would say jump at the opportunity and don't look back. Trust God and he will guide your path.

We still have many students who need sponsors. For only \$40 per month you can Sponsorships for 2014 provide a wonderful education, a nutritious meal, and daily Bible study for a very poor child. To help, contact us at <u>nicaraquachristian.org/sponsor</u>, by email or phone.

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