



Providing a Christian education today and a hope for tomorrow...

Kindergarten Graduation | Summer Grizzell

On November 25 we had our fifth kindergarten class graduate from Nicaragua Christian School. All 35 children will be moving on to the first grade with us in February of next year. This was the second graduation that I was able to attend and both times was such a blessing to see the excitement and hope in the children and families eyes. It was a beautiful day full of smiles, hugs and happy tears. Not only are the children at Nicaragua Christian School receiving a good education, but also each year spent at NCS gives them hope of learning about something more, about their father who loves them unconditionally. God has blessed this mission in Nicaragua tremendously and I look forward to the day when our first kindergarten class graduates from high school and maybe even have the opportunity to go to college.



My Visit to NCS | Lori Grizzell

On the last Monday in August, I got the incredible privilege of traveling to Leon to spend a week on the campus of Nicaragua Christian. We started early each morning visiting the classrooms, watching the teachers as they patiently worked to keep 35+ children in their seats quietly learning. They do an amazing job and I seriously doubt that American teachers and children could cooperate this perfectly in such large numbers. I was particularly impressed with the new 3 year old class teacher. She was only 23 years old herself, fresh out of college



but managed her very large classroom with poise and grace. She taught with a great balance of loving kindness and firm discipline. Those little three year olds are in a marvelous Christian learning environment.



Later in the morning, we went into each classroom with Summer and Kim to help serve lunch. One day we served grilled cheese quesadillas (on homemade tortillas!) , one day it was Horchata, a Spanish rice pudding. The pudding didn't look that great to us but the children lapped it up gleefully like it was chocolate cake and ice cream. After lunch, we went into each classroom again and dropped a vitamin into the mouth of each student. They aren't allowed to touch them because so many end up playing with them and dropping them if they do. I felt like Mommy bird dropping in worms, except these babies were far more fabulously beautiful and precious and their smiles would melt glaciers. Amazing.



On the last day of class for the week, my fellow travelers, David McCrary, Tim Agee, Sherry Brooks and I were all honored with flowers made of chenille wire (which I love and have a new home on my desk at work), beautiful handwritten letters, pictures and songs and a barrage of hugs and kisses. Why would you ever want to leave?? Nicaragua Christian School was likely established by God Almighty for Americans who need to go have lessons on what life is truly all about, lessons on how to become as a little child, and lessons on how to love. They will teach you well!

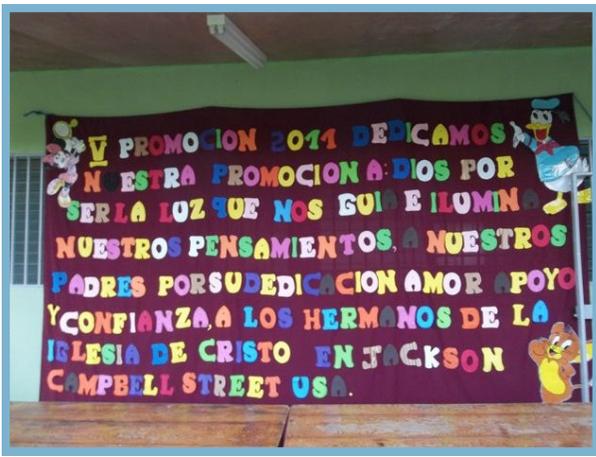
Meal Sponsorships | Summer Grizzell

We are a blessed people. I really had no idea how much the people of Nicaragua struggled until I had the opportunity to live among them for the past year. A lot of our children at Nicaragua Christian School only get to eat one meal a day, and that meal is not served at home around a table with a loving family, it is not a micro waved slice of pizza left over from family night the Friday before, it is not a quick run through the drive thru for \$8, it is their meal served at school. If it were not for the sponsors who pay for these children to go to school, they might not have had anything to eat at all that day. There have been many times that I have come in to a home to visit with a family where the father was off in Costa Rica or Honduras looking for a way to make money for his family, leaving his wife and children at home with nothing. When they do have a little bit of money they will go purchase some rice and beans, an amount that one person would eat for dinner in America, shared between 5 or 6. Your roll as sponsors has changed the way for these children. The children at Nicaragua Christian School depend on the one meal a day they receive from school. We are now looking for sponsors to give specifically for these meals. We are asking for monthly sponsors who would be willing to give \$10 a month, which would provide meals for the children. One-time donors are also appreciated. Please take some time during this holiday season and consider those who are less fortunate. They come hungry, they leave full. They come ready to learn, they leave one day smarter. They come

Xiomara Visits America | David McCrary

Our school director, Xiomara, Perez, had many firsts when she came to the USA on November 28. This was her first time to fly, her first time to see snow, and her first time to have to eat so many meals without rice.

She mad many presentations about our school and did a wonderful job. We look forward to bringing her back soon. Thank you Xiomara and thanks to all of you who made her feel so welcome.



Sponsorships for 2012

Each year more children join NCS. If you would like to sponsor a child you can for \$30 per month, \$360 per year. If interested contact us for a sponsorship form.

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