

Difference Makers

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Some Lasting Impressions

Ron Harper

On November 29 of last year, I had the privilege of returning to Nicaragua for the first time since June 2019. That lengthy delay was not by choice; it was due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our reunion with the wonderful people there was a greater blessing than we imagined.

Our purpose for going was to attend promotion and graduation ceremonies for Nicaragua Christian School. We also met with faculty, staff, and parents at N.C.S. We were very impressed with what we saw. In every meeting we spoke with people who are dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the school.

Our desire has never been to have an American school on Nicaraguan soil. It has always been to make possible a school that is Nicaraguan in every way. That would be impossible without the excellent work of our administrator, Sandra Salinas, and the people she leads.

The parents of our students also make tremendous contributions to the school. Their pride in the school is amazing. On Wednesday morning of graduation week, very early in the morning they went to work preparing the campus for the big event. The entire campus was given a very thorough cleaning and decorated for graduation.

A meeting with the parents organization left a lasting impression on our hearts. At the end of the meeting, David McCreary, chairman of our board asked, "what else can we do for you?" The head of the parents organization answered by saying, "You have done so much, if we asked for anything else, it would be selfish of us." They could have requested a number of things for their school but asked only for an opportunity to serve.

High school graduation was the climax of a very full week. It would be impossible to describe the pride that was evident on the faces of the students and their parents. Throughout their time in high school, our students had to deal with numerous hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through their perseverance and hard work, and the devotion of our faculty and staff, they excelled through a very challenging time.

The wonderful people associated with Nicaragua Christian School are an inspiration to everyone. The support you give to this great work is making a huge difference in the lives of so many people. God is doing great things in Nicaragua.



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A Blessed Opportunity

Taylor Roberson, FHU student

I am blessed to have had the opportunity to have traveled to Nicaragua Christian School with the Brackens and the Hentons over Thanksgiving break. I have always heard so many great things about the school and the people involved with it, but this is the first time I have gotten to experience it.

Most of the days on our trip, we were able to spend time with the first through sixth grade kids during their recess. It was just like I was playing with kids on a playground back home, except I could hardly understand anything they were saying to me. One day, there was a group of kids trying to explain to me some kind of game. Even though I had understood a surprising amount of Spanish up to this point, I just could not understand the rules they were trying to explain to me. It wasn't until they started to act it out that I realized it was a simple game of freeze tag. Once I told them that I understood, almost half the kids on the playground took off in a full sprint. That was one of the most joyous moments of the trip for

me. All of the kids were laughing and running and it seemed like there was nothing to be worried about in the whole world. It really opened my eyes to see how happy these kids are.

All of this time I had spent in the United States hearing about Nicaragua Christian School and what a wonderful place it was now made perfect sense to me. The kids are so strong willed to work hard in their school and to take care of each other and their surroundings. The teachers are determined to make sure the students have the best education. The parents of the students work hard for their kids to be in such a blessed environment. I am very blessed to have met so many kind souls while I was there and I hope to be able to see them again soon. I am so thankful to the Bracken family for giving me this opportunity to travel with them and to see the amazing place they dedicate so much of their time to.



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