

Difference Makers

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VBS at NCS

A group of 21, representing 4 congregations, offered Vacation Bible School at NCS July 1-4. There were over 400 in attendance. Here's what some of the group members shared about their experience:

"When I found out I was able to go on the trip this year, I was so excited to make Nicaragua more than pictures and memories my family and friends showed me. I did not know true joy until I experienced the feeling that each kid gave me. This trip truly exceeded every expectation I had." - Ashtyn

"This year marks ten times I've made the trip to help Nicaragua Christian School...My goal every time is to share God's word and be a blessing to everyone we meet, but every time I'm the one who ends up being blessed the most by the sweet friendships with the amazing people of that area! The Lord is absolutely at work in this place." - Lanita Bowman

"I'd always heard about the work of Nicaragua Christian School, but never experienced it in person until this summer...Seeing firsthand what's accomplished here in this little corner of the world has had a profound impact on me and my own Christian walk! Everything that is good in this world that can come from people - limitless generosity, remarkable compassion and a true love for the Lord - can be found in endless supply in Nicaragua." - Jake Wilbanks

"My family has supported the Nicaragua Christian School for several years. I knew we made it possible for a child to attend the school, but I didn't realize the impact that our contribution makes until I was given the opportunity to personally witness the great things that are happening there! NCS is much more than a school...it's a life-changing experience for the children. It's a safe place for them to learn and play, make friends, be themselves, and be loved and respected by the faculty and staff. The kids are appreciative for the love and support they are given, and they express their gratitude with the sincerest hugs! I am so glad I was able to meet the children and see how God is working in their lives!" - Jamie Wilson

"I was honored to go to Nicaragua Christian School for the first time this summer with Ron Harper of the Salem Creek church of Christ in Murfreesboro, TN. I was absolutely blown away by the joy I saw on the faces of the students there. While most of them have very little in the way of material things, they seemed to possess such joy in their hearts, and they willingly shared that joy with the entire team. There is such a love for God at the school. I certainly hoped to be of help to the school in whatever way I could, but I was the one who came away being blessed. I look forward to being back with them." - Jerry Miki



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NCS Board Names New President

David McCrary has been President of NCS since it began in 2007. David and his wife, Brenda, had been to Nicaragua on a few medical mission trips and noticed outside the city of Leon, there were hundreds of families living in extreme poverty. The families were not able to send their children to school because they couldn't afford to purchase the school uniforms. Brenda had an idea to build a school in this area, and David made it happen. The school began in 2007 with three preschool classes and approximately 100 children. Now the school has classes pre-K through high school with 570 enrolled and many students on a waiting list to attend. NCS was ranked #1 in the district this year, and although the school has received many awards and accolades for their outstanding academics over the years, but more important than that is the spiritual impact this school has on its students and their families. Words cannot convey our gratitude to David and Brenda for their work with the school. David is retiring after 16 years of service to the school, but the McCrary's legacy will live on.



The board of directors have chosen Glen Henton as the 2nd president of NCS. Glen has a Master's degree in Missions and bachelor's degree in Bible. He and his wife, Kathy, spent 15 years living and serving in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Glen has taught missions at Freed Hardeman for 11 years and has served as minister in various congregations in Tennessee,

including three Hispanic congregations. Kathy has a degree in religion and certification to teach Spanish. She has taught Spanish in the Shelby Co. School System and Jackson Christian School. Glen and Kathy have visited Nicaragua Christian School several times and recently, Glen taught the adult class at Vacation Bible School and Kathy spoke at a ladies day held on campus. Glen shared "The group from Salem Creek and Spring meadow churches were a joy to work with. Seeing the large number of kids and their joy and willingness to learn was a great blessing for us all. The atmosphere among the faculty themselves and with Sandra seemed to be relaxed, friendly, and unified. They received us with joy and gratitude. The students and their parents that we met expressed their gratitude to us and all the donors repeatedly with hugs, words, and smiles". Welcome Glen and Kathy!



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