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Start of Classes at NCS 2024

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On Monday, January 29, Nicaragua Christian School opened its doors for the start of the 2024 school year. There are 563 students enrolled this year from 3-year-old preschool to the 11th and last grade of high school in Nicaragua. There are several new faculty members this year and excitement was high as things got started. One ninth grader remarked as she came through the gate, "I am so glad to be back at my school, a place of peace!"

As things began to settle after the first few days, Kathy and I were able to make a visit. We arrived there on February 13th and the next day was Valentine's Day, better known in Nicaragua as "Friendship Day." There was a special program in the auditorium and the day was filled with a "party/celebration" atmosphere as many of the children shared a song, a poem, or traditional dance on stage for everyone's enjoyment.

The church that meets on the school property holds an evangelistic campaign near the beginning of each school year. This year the campaign was on February 15, 16, & 17. The overall theme was "DARKNESS: Living Without Fear of the Darkness." The first night Kevin Roque, the minister for the church spoke. The second night I (Glen) shared and the final night, Denmar Roque spoke. Each night two people were baptized. All six were students from the school and their parents are already members! Praise the Lord for these six new children of God!

We were also present for the first meeting with parents of students for the 2024 school year. There were over 500 in attendance! Our director, Sandra, introduced the faculty and spoke to the parents about activities and opportunities for the school year.

Kathy and I were able to meet with most of the faculty and staff. We also met some new faces. Three new teachers are graduates of NCS, have completed their college studies and now are able to teach at NCS. What a great blessing!

On Sunday, February 18, Kathy and I were asked to share a two-hour seminar for married couples with the married couples of the church that meets at the school. There were 15 couples and a single person (her husband was in the U.S.) who attended. We talked about what God wants our marriages to be and how we can be better husbands and wives. It was a great for us to get to know everyone a bit better. The congregation is blessed with several families that are united in Christ. What a blessing!

Save the Date

Inaugural Middle Tennessee Nicaragua Christian School Benefit Dinner September 14, 2024 Middle Tennessee Christian School Murfreesboro, TN More details to come!



Making a difference, every child, every day.

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University Students

\$1.8M Donated

CHANGE A LIFE **TODAY!**

Sponsoring a child is **\$40 per month** which provides school uniforms, school supplies, and nutritional meals every day.

NCS graduates attending college can be sponsored for **\$125 per month**. College scholarship students are required to maintain a certain GPA, check in weekly with the director of the college scholarship program, and volunteer each month on the NCS campus.

For more information about sponsoring any of our students, contact Kim Bracken at kimbracken4@gmail.com or 731.431.8688 or go to NicaraguaChristian.org and click **Donate Now.**

NCS Board of Directors



"Every time I visit NCS I am amazed at how God can use His people to touch lives. I am thankful to serve on a board that enables God's work at NCS to impact lives daily." -*Nathan Lewis*



"Nicaragua Christian School is an amazing work. Through this ministry, children are given the opportunity to receive the type of education that can change their lives for eternity." - Ron Harper



"I've seen many mission points and works first hand, and NCS has produced more fruit and planted so many seeds for the Lord. It is amazing to see the way that this school has blessed the growth of the Church in Leon. It is a blessing to be a part of this board." - *Chuck Morris*



"NCS has captured my heart and holds it tightly. I am blessed to be part of an extraordinary ministry." - Kim Bracken



"There are few works that express the heart of Jesus any better as it goes about making a difference every day both for the present and for eternity." - Johnny Edwards



"NCS has seen an amazing start. The facility staff and board are looking forward to even greater ways to serve the community. The students of NCS will bless the whole country of Nicaragua. - Paul Schwartz



"NCS provides life changing opportunities both educationally and spiritually for the young people who are enrolled there." - Barry Throneberry



"NCS is a work that touches my heart and I am glad to be part of it." - *Fred Rogers*



"NCS is a special place where kids still openly show love for God, teachers, and each other." - *John Bentley*



"I'm so blessed and excited to be a part of this great work and service in this capacity. Since my very first mission trip in 1992, Nicaragua has held a special place in my heart. I love her people, and I love this school!" - John David Schwartz



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