

# Difference Makers

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## Celebrating the Eighth NCS Graduating Class

By Ron Harper



Nicaragua Christian School began as a dream a little over twenty years ago. Some American Christians working on a medical campaign noticed that many children were roaming the streets rather than attending school. When they inquired about why so many children were not in school it was revealed that their parents could not afford the necessary uniforms and supplies. From that moment a dream began that resulted in Nicaragua Christian School.

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Graduation is always an amazing experience. In many ways it is different from high school graduation in the United States. At NCS, each graduate is ushered in by one of their parents. It is most rewarding to see the smiles on the students faces when they are handed their diploma. It is also touching to see them show respect and love to their teachers and the school administrators.

As the parents escort their children across the stage, two attitudes are very visible. One cannot miss the look of pride on their faces as their child receives a diploma. There are also expressions of profound gratitude; they understand that, with Nicaragua Christian School, their children may never have received an education. Graduation day was a powerful reminder of why we do this work.

On November 29 of this year NCS graduated its eighth class. Thirty-three students received their high school diplomas. Several of them also earned certificates rewarding them for academic achievement. In addition to that, all of the graduates were presented with a nice Bible.



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every child, every day.

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🎓 585  
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# Graduation, Promotion and Year-End Excitement

By Glen Henton

Kathy and I were privileged to attend this year's graduation and promotion activities from November 24-29. This graduating class is the eighth one or, as it is called there, the "eighth generation." This year's 11th grade graduating class is comprised of thirty-three students. The week was filled with devotional times, Christmas celebrations with presentations from each class, a parents' meeting, a meeting with the personnel and goodbyes. All of this plus the accomplishments achieved in the school year contributed to a cheerful atmosphere.

We were very impressed to see how the parents' association has been working hard to provide some extra things like folklore costumes for student presentations. They raised \$783 this year from the selling of snacks at school special events, an impressive show of support from this low-income population, representing about \$1.34 from each of the 585 students. Another good thing we saw was a video created by the students of the 10th grade as a surprise for their beloved teacher, Oswaldo, thanking him for being a good teacher, a good listener, and a friend, just the kind of things we are so glad to see in the environment of this Christian school.



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