



Open Hearts Ministries

Nicaragua - Los Farringtons

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We hope and pray that all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. In times of plenty, in times of want, in pain and joy...that we pause and rest to give thanks to God for what we *do have* is a great reason to have a Holiday. This year has been very eventful and in the midst of all the changes

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good; for His steadfast love endures forever."

~ 1 Chronicles 16:34 ~

and new things, God sustains us. Your prayers and support are a huge part of that, we are so very thankful!



The Future of La Chureca & Colegio Esperanza...

As we mentioned last month, the dump is closing and is becoming a landfill/recycling center. The families are being moved into houses built just outside the dump. This also affects us at the school, and after lots of prayer and consideration, God made it clear. After 12 years of serving the community, Colegio Esperanza is going to close. This is a sad time. God has however, made a way for us to continue in ministry to our kids with *Club Esperanza!* But first, we need to complete the task of ending well.

Closing the School...we have a dedicated staff of 24 who have made great personal sacrifice to come to the dump every day of the week and serve. All because of the love God has given them for the children there. *On closing a school, the Nicaraguan government requires you give five months salary, plus vacation and bonus to each employee. This amounts to \$35,772.* Yes, this is a daunting sum! It's hard to imagine spending so much to close something down, but we are going to do this. Why?



Because we want to end with dignity. We want to honor God in our closing as we honored God in our serving. This is what is right. No matter how intimidating, we are going to honor these women and men who've made such sacrifice at Colegio Esperanza. Please pray for this money to come in. If you know any avenues to raise this, please let us know. God is great, even when things are challenging!

The Future: "Club Esperanza"...we are Very Excited that God has made a way for us to continue ministering to these children. "Club Hope" will include our feeding program, preschool care, tutoring, high school scholarships, organized sports and lots of other activities. All focused on Jesus, all focused on transforming the lives of the children from La Chureca! We are working out the details of staff and budget, so please be in prayer about this exciting continuation of what God is doing!

New Location...as the dump closes through next year, finding a new location for Club Esperanza was a priority. Praise God, last month we were able to buy land in the new neighborhood. Next step is to build on this new site. We are trusting God to provide for this as well, building plans are coming together. So, if you are coming to Nicaragua in the next year please consider being involved in the construction on this new site. And please pray for it all to come together in the right way that honors God.



“Don’t Worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7



Home Schooling Corner...

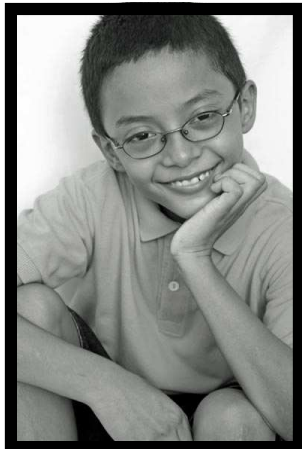
Krista has been teaching Aliyah at home this past year and she is really doing great...in fact this month she will finish 1st Grade! You know what that means? She is already smarter than her Dad! hahaha.

It is not a challenge to get Aliyah motivated, she loves it. Krista found a great curriculum and Aliyah has learned all sorts of things about places all over the globe. She even started collecting money to send radios with messages and songs about Jesus to remote places in other parts of the world!

Casa Robles...speaking of education, all of the boys are still doing excellent. Five made the honor roll again, which is awesome! Andrew graduates into elementary school this year, and Marcos is graduating into High School! We went out to lunch together to celebrate with Nicaragua’s “TipTop” version of a happy meal...everyone loves the prizes (see picture)!!!



This month we also celebrated Freder’s 10th birthday! For Freder, Casa Robles is a huge refuge from his home situation which is not safe. The protection and attention he is getting has allowed him to thrive. No joking, he has all 100s on his report card nearly every time. Ok, he had a 95 in one subject this time. The provision God has shown to allow this little guy to thrive is awesome. Changing Freder’s life is why Casa Robles exists.



Casa Havilah...the last few months have been full of lots of adjustments. Our new house mother, “Momma Jenny” is gaining trust and fitting in with all the girls. Things are going good and God is continuing to work in their lives. Please keep praying!

A very encouraging story of God at work is that of Katherin. She comes from a very rough life and her years with us have been full of ups and downs. But last year, God got a hold of her and she personally accepted Jesus. The difference in her was and is so noticeable. This year, when our friend Lauren Stoor was visiting, she asked Katherin about baptism and Katherin told Lauren she wanted to be baptized. So without hesitation, we came together at the pool for Katherin’s baptism. It was awesome! The Holy Spirit was with us and it is so evident that God is working mightily in her life. Please keep praying for Katherin, and for her future. There is great hope!



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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”...Rom. 15:13

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