



Open Hearts Ministries

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As our newsletter finds you this Fall, we hope that you are truly enjoying life wherever you are. That you are enjoying football, enjoying the changing seasons, the cooler weather, enjoying the beautiful things outside that the Lord has created! **Thanksgiving is here!** We live in a country that doesn't celebrate Thanksgiving, as it is historically American. But it really is such a great Holiday....to set aside a time to simply be Thankful. I would like to take it even further and say, celebrate and enjoy all the blessings the Lord has given you! Your newest gadget, your beautiful home, your friends, your car, your bike, your motorcycle, so many fun "things" that we have in life. We should enjoy them all as blessings from the Lord! Life is fun and full of great things. We hope your Fall and Thanksgiving is filled with fun and enjoyment. What an abundant life we live. Amen, thank you Jesus.

We had an extraordinary time with a group from our home church in Miami, FL. **Christ Journey Church** came down towards the end of the summer but we wanted to share some of the highlights from the trip now.

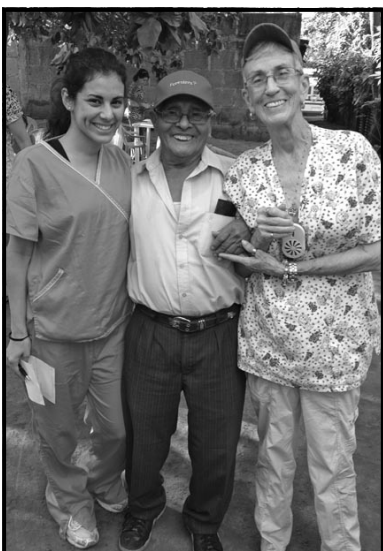
Half of the team was medical/dental and one of the fun times we had together was having all the children from our rescue homes *Casa Havilah* and *Casa Robles* come over for dental work. We turned the Buzbee rancho into a big clinic and



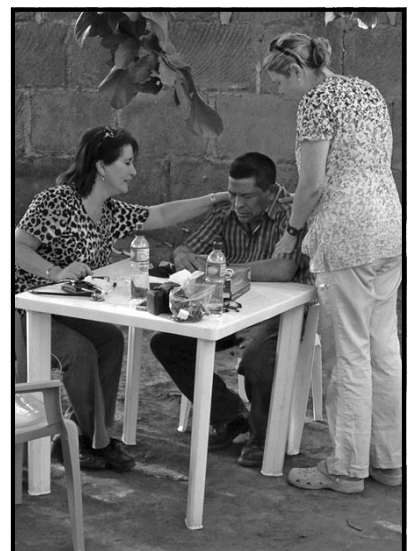
took to attending everyone. Our families even jumped in the chair which was a huge blessing as well! Now I do say fun with some qualifi-

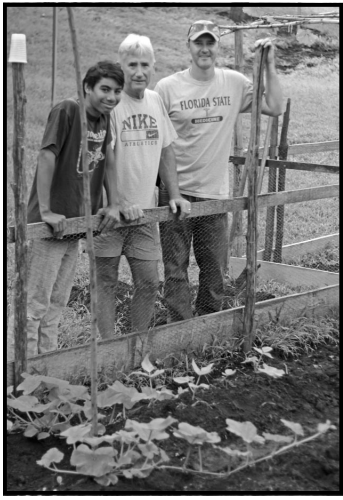


ers...you see it was so much fun to be all together here on the farm running around and playing games. But, dentistry really isn't fun! In these photos you can see the reality. First is Freder in the chair "before" and then Sofia with the "after" shot. The looks on their faces say it all!



We took the clinic all over Nicaragua and by far one of the best times was with a little country church in the town of La Concha that we have grown with over the years. Medical attention was certainly given, but the Spirit of the Lord was also moving in times of prayer and in conversations about Jesus. Cultural barriers were not a limit to the unity in Christ that was happening. By the end it was a big celebration of worship together!





The other half of the team from **Christ Journey Church** was an Agricultural mission that really got us going in a direction of producing food for our different ministry locations. We planted and irrigated a huge garden out at Ruby Ranch, built a green house here on the farm for sprouting plants, and planted a learning garden at Club Esperanza. We really look forward to reaping the harvest and feeding people who are hungry. As simple as that sounds, there really aren't many more significant things you can do to impact someone's life. There are hundreds of hungry people that we serve everyday and this is going to have a big impact! When Jesus sat before thousands of hungry people, He turned to his disciples and said to them, *"You give them something to eat"*. We are very grateful that we have



more to start with than a few fish and a loaf of bread. With this agricultural endeavor we are able to "give them something to eat" in abundance!



Here is the time lapse from sprout to squash! This little guy was hanging out with us as we got the plants past baby stage. They grew and covered the earth until we handed the first squash to our cook at Club Esperanza.



A special thank you to Heritage Baptist Church from Alabama who came down earlier this Fall and built the garden at Club Esperanza for the preschoolers. Tomatoes, Cucumbers, peppers, and squash are on the way!



Ruby Ranch Ranchon

Things are going very well and the Lord continues to provide for the development out at the Double R! Here is a photo of the most recent addition, a giant Rancho!!! If you have been to Ruby Ranch with kids, you know this is a huge need being met...Praise Jesus!



Walakitang Update...being that we are unable to make the trip to Walakitang this year, Pastor Victor has come out to Managua to meet and share reports with Verbo Church here. These meetings are really enjoyable. We get to spend time together and hear news from the Rio. Victor shared with us that there were seven new Christians waiting for baptism when he got home. He

planned to prepare a message on Baptism for the service so any others who may want to be baptized will have the opportunity. Knowing the Lord is moving in peoples lives really encourages all of us!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed” -Luke 4:18

While they are here we usually run all around Managua together picking up different needs for the church. This trip we went to a huge music store in Managua and got a megaphone, some music stands, guitar strings, etc... Jorge (Victor’s Co-Pastor) had never seen anything like it. We went to the upstairs area and it



was FULL of all sorts of musical instruments. Jorge grabbed a guitar stooped down and started to play Miskito Hymns right there in the store. We had one of those “kids in a candy store” times.

Medical care is basically non existent in Walakitang, so on the visit we also took Victor to have an endoscopy on his stomach. I got to witness it first hand, which was really wild. Victor had been ail-



ling for months with severe stomach pain and the doctor found two ulcers and some lesions. The biopsy on the lesions was negative for cancer, Praise Jesus. Also, with some treatment for his ulcers the severe pain is gone. It is a great joy to be able to help a man like Victor, who makes such effort and sacrifice to serve the Lord and bring the Gospel to his people.

I am not sure if you notice the cans in the picture of supplies we bought for them to bring back to Walakitang. Those are a three month supply of baby formula. Victor and his wife Damaris have taken a newborn baby into their home. A woman in the community lost her husband, and then went into premature labor nearly dying during childbirth. She fell unconscious and was



brought all the way to Managua (a three day journey) to a major hospital. She lay unconscious for 21 days until she finally regained coherency. Knowing the mother’s health, that she would take many months to recover, and that she already has eight children; her family brought the baby to Damaris and asked them to take the baby boy. They did not hesitate to say yes.

Israel Nepstali is now two months old and he is doing good. He was two months premature so Damaris has been nursing him back to life with formula. The formula we bought should last three months until we see Victor again. Let’s join together and pray for baby Israel, Lord give life!

We also appreciate your continued prayer for Walakitang and the other communities with churches under Victor’s care; Lakusta, Somopipi, Sixsiaris, Linda Vista, and Arandak. We ask God to move in powerful ways.



The Family Corner...

We have had lots of exciting things going on in our lives personally as well. We rely so much on your prayers living here in Nicaragua and we always want you to know how we are doing too...we are well!
Thank you Jesus!

Now don't think for a minute that just because we are in Nicaragua, that the "Frozen" craze has not arrived internationally! **Bella's 5th birthday** was all "Frozen" fun, complete with build your own Olaf!



Speaking of cold, it got near 70 degrees. So, we had to have a bonfire and marsh-mellow roast of course!



Melissa & Coburn had their beautiful baby this Fall in Nicaragua.

Adelyn Melissa Murray was born in September and she is a precious Little girl! Our kids are loving the cousin fun.



Lastly we want to take a moment in our family corner to thank Anna-Bel Chambers for serving with us this summer. She was here with our *Narrow Gate* Internship program and was a Huge blessing to us. It was so wonderful to have someone to help keep ministry going and to keep us going too!

Before the rains ended we took a fun trip with Gigi to the plant place down the road and filled up the truck...Gigi always brings life and color and the kids love it!



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