



Open Hearts Ministries

Nicaragua ~ Los Farringtons

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Fundraising for Ministry... Great news, we received a very generous matching donation towards our ministry sites for 2017. It will work like this, as we raise funds for Club Esperanza, Club Brasiles, Casa Robles and Casa Havilah every \$1 donated will be matched by \$2. You may remember last year we had a similar donation and it was a huge assist to get our ministries fully funded. ***The goal is to raise \$25,000 and it will be matched with \$50,000... Amen!*** We hope you are encouraged by this news, it is so awesome to be *working together* to do God's great work here in Nicaragua. Check out some fun news below...

Community and Educational Centers (annual budget \$124,800)

Club Esperanza and **Club Brasiles** are centers in two locations, both urban and rural. These Clubs give an incredible lift to the communities we serve by providing child care, feeding center, educational and medical care, and most importantly they serve as a base for the Gospel to be spread and God to personally touch individual lives.

~During easter week in April, a select group of students were invited to participate in an Easter Week Extravaganza put on by *Christ Journey Church* from Miami. We joined together in celebrating Easter and learning about ways to live out our faith as Christians with the armor of God, as found in the book of Ephesians. There are so many obstacles that our students face in life, especially this group that is in their teenage years. Club Esperanza gives us this beautiful opportunity to impact their lives and go deeper to overcome hurts



and fears! Of course we had tons of fun throughout the week, culminating in a day trip out to Ruby Ranch!

~In May we had a great time with friends from *Love Light + Melody* who spent a week spreading love and light in our community, using the Club as their base. Saturday was very impactful, when they took some of our students to Nueva Vida (a communal trash dump) to put on a concert and have a big party for all the people of that community, in the middle



of the trash. If you follow the history of our community, you know most of the families used to live in the Managua dump called La Chureca. It was a special thing to be able to go out into another community that is hurting and down and spread the Love and Joy of Christ. That 180 degree turn is a beautiful thing to be a part of! (Picture: Yosmar our left handed guitarist jammin' at the concert.)

~If you follow our blog, you also know we were in need of a new freezer and stove for the feeding program at the Club. Praise Jesus, it is so exciting to announce that we have a huge new double door freezer as well as a three burner



industrial stove that can handle our 25 gallon pots! God is so good, and it is our joy to feed so many little guys and gals every single day...nearly 300 kids!

~What I love about the Club is what happens on the periphery. I took this picture the other day when I walked into the office and joined an awesome prayer time. Sheyla (our director) and Cecilia (a teacher's aide) had just led a mother of one of our students to accept Jesus as her Savior. It wasn't a revival or a bible study, just the presence of Jesus at Club Esperanza. It is so encouraging to see these types of things happening!





Childrens Rescue Homes (annual budget \$70,200)

Casa Robles (boys home) and **Casa Havilah** (girls home) are two ministry sites that provide a safe home for children in very high risk home situations from the communities where we have ongoing ministry. All the kiddos in these homes are cared for year round and are part of our extended family.

~We recently celebrated Andrew's birthday with the entire gang. It is always really fun to get everyone together, especially when Mama Angelica is cooking. As the mother for the boys at Casa Robles Angelica has been a real anchor in

their lives for nearly a decade now. She is incredibly skilled and talented in many ways. There is zero doubt that if she was not serving the Lord at Casa Robles, she would have her own restaurant in Managua and it would be a popular place to go! She does pull a fast one sometimes and cook beef heart or cow tongue without letting us know ahead of time LOL!

~Andrews and Angel have been taking accelerated English courses in preparation for their opportunity to go study in the United States. We have mentioned this previously and things are moving forward well, please keep this in your prayers. Our friends in Florida who will be their family in the States recently set up a Skype interview with the school. It was fun to be there with them and hear them speak entirely in English. The best part was when they asked Angel "What do you want to be when you grow up?" His response with no hesitation, "I want to be a Civil Engineer." How is that for an ambitious 11 year old?

~Pamela from Casa Havilah recently had her 16th birthday. Brinson and Krista's parent's took her to a fancy dinner and a special time celebrating her "Sweet16" birthday. Then, Pamela and Maria Elena went out with some friends from school for birthday desert and had fun hanging out, just being teenagers. Please always keep these homes in your prayers, asking for the Lord's blessings on each child!



Living our lives in Nicaragua...

Aside from our efforts in raising funds for ministry, we also live on faith. We really appreciate your financial support towards our family personally. *We live on an annual budget of \$22,200*, which allows us to have a relatively comfortable life and prioritize our family. For over ten years we have trusted the Lord to provide for us living here in Nicaragua. It is sometimes hard, but we know that we have a very rich Father in heaven who, as the Psalmist writes, *"owns the cattle on a thousand*

hills." (Ps. 50:10) We lean into our inheritance as sons and daughters of God and we have never been let down, Praise Jesus!

We have been doing well and as you can see in the pictures there were some Spring birthdays in our family. Juliette turned 5 years old! Aliyah made a cake for her from scratch and we had fun celebrating her little life with Krista's family! Mommy had a birthday too. This time Gramma made the cake for her girl, her famous home made ice cream cake...best cake ever! Fun family fun time!



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