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Multipurpose Building | Brenda McCrary

Things on paper never tell the whole story. I had seen the new multipurpose building on paper and in pictures from the groundbreaking, to the walls going up, and the roof being placed. The construction pictures were sent weekly and sometimes daily. The progress was fast at times and and at times it seemed slow. We visited the school on March 12. We arrived that night late but we were eager to see the building in person.

As we approached the school site there in the darkness was a large building just inside the gates of the school fence. The night watchman greeted us and we drove onto the grounds. The pictures did not show how much the building stood out in the community. It is breathtaking and beautiful . Very functional for use as a cafeteria, and stage for plays, the concrete floor serves as a soccer and basketball floor. The church meets in the building and there are rooms that are to be used as children's classrooms. The families at the school are very proud of the building. The families came together on Friday to see the inside of the building. We had 300 chairs, they were full and some were standing.

What a great way to spread the gospel to that community. The way has been opened to spread Gods word in that area.













JCS taking school pictures

Bible Curriculum Update | Judy Bentley

In November Kathy Henton, Stephanie Brown, and I went to Nicaragua Christian School with Bible class material for every class at the school. It was only my second visit to the school and the other ladies' first visit. After attending the graduation ceremony, we presented a two day seminar about having a personal relationship with God and on the Bible lessons we had prepared. It was quite incredible to watch these ladies speaking in Spanish and connecting with the teachers. Kathy's presentation was beautiful! At the conclusion she asked, "Why do we need to teach the Bible?" We showed pictures of several precious students while the teachers answered. Their responses were heartfelt and showed me that these children are in good hands. I don't think I will ever forget that moment.

We then went into an explanation of the three different levels of material we had prepared for the classes. The teachers were so receptive and asked questions that demonstrated their eagerness to understand and to present the material. What we prepared was only for this current school year. There are eight classes at the school, so multiple classes are teaching the same lessons. We are currently working on material for each grade level. We have pulled in more help, and God has provided other resources as well. It is a big undertaking as the school begins adding high school classes next year. Please pray for this work.

I am so thankful for the effort both of these ladies have put into this project. It would not be happening without them. I have



Jasmine delivering donated library books



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been amazed at the amount of time they have dedicated and their willingness to make the trip and cut short their time with their families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Stephanie and I were able to visit with a couple of the teachers and Xiomara Perez, the director of the school, when we went with a group from Jackson Christian School to Leon in March. We made an adjustment or two after hearing their concerns. We discussed how things were going and how lessons would differ for teenagers. It was very encouraging. What a wonderful place the school is! Not only are students provided an education to open doors to different opportunities, but they are also daily being taught about God and his amazing grace toward us all!

JCS Visit | Jasmine Riley, Student

Spending spring break in León Nicaragua has been one of the most rewarding and humbling experiences of my life. In addition to eating Nicaraguan food, volcano surfing on the Cerro Negro, and having a bonfire on the beautiful beach, I got to spend the majority of my time in Nicaragua at the Nicaragua Christian School. This was my second time to visit the Nicaragua Christian School and it was just as heart-warming as I remembered it being the first time. Traveling to Nicaragua was a great way for me to learn about a different culture while being a servant of The Lord.

One of our biggest prayers while in Nicaragua was that God's will be done. While we were at the school, we were willing and happy to do whatever was asked of us. We repainted the tables and chairs at the pre-school, and took every student's picture to be sent to their sponsor. We also translated each child's information sheet from Spanish to English for their sponsor to read. Not only did we get to help them with the physical work that they needed done, but we were also privileged to have the opportunity to play with and love on some of the world's sweetest kids. The bonds we formed with the children at the Nicaragua Christian School will be cherished forever.

We are very grateful for the opportunity that we had to spend time with the children as well as the staff of the Nicaragua Christian School. We travelled to Nicaragua with the intentions of showing God's love to the people there, but in actuality, they showed us the trueness of God's love. León, Nicaragua and the people there will always have a special place in my heart.



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