

From Sandra Salinas, Principal of Nicaragua Christian School

León, February 22nd, 2019.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

God demonstrated his power and protection in this place the first Sunday of this new academic year with an attendance of 500 people, among them, children, parents and members. This beautiful place was turned into a Christian community, where whole families came to worship God.

Another unexpected reward was the good news that 37 students out of 39 that graduated from our school last year were

admitted to the University and two were admitted to vocational school. This proves our excellent teaching and the great job that God is allowing us to perform. It is also exciting to see alumni of this school, being Bible teachers in different classrooms of this Center. It is here; where I could realize what Jeremiah (33:3) felt when he heard from the lord:

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

On the other hand, on February 2, I was diagnosed with Chronic Degenerative Glaucoma, something unexpected for me. That day I had an emergency surgery. Nevertheless, I want you to know, that this does not weaken my faith, it is the opposite, it increases it every day.

I ask your prayers and support, which is always a blessing. Pray not only for our material needs, but for the souls, that they may come to Christ. I know that every change we have made, will contribute to the welfare and progress of this godly project where we are stewards. I ask for your prayers for this beautiful project, for each of us who are "in front" (God is in charge of it all").

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace"

In the grip of grace, God bless you I love you.

From Nathan, Lisa and Lily Lewis

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My name is Nathan Lewis, and I have the privilege to serve on the Nicaragua Christian School Board. I have been to the NCS campus multiple times, but my wife, Lisa, and my daughter, Lily, had not seen the school. In 2018 we were able to go to the school as a family. We also took my almost 85 year-old grandmother with us. It is always a blessing to be at the school. However, to be there with these three women made this trip very special. My wife and daughter helped prepare the mail outs and spend countless hours sorting through pictures and newsletters, even though they had never been to the school. My grandmother buys items all year long for the Christmas boxes. She took two suitcases of candy and toys to pass out to all the children. The students at the school treated her like royalty. NCS holds a special place in our hearts, and I am so glad I was able to share this trip with Lisa, Lily, and Virginia Cherry (grandma). When you are around the amazing staff at NCS and the beautiful children, you realize that you are the one being blessed. – Nathan Lewis, Nicaragua Christian School Board Member

When my husband and I took on the responsibility of matching sponsors with students in 2017, I had no idea the amount of joy it would bring to us. Twice a year we would receive photographs and letters and cards to organize and distribute to you, the children's sponsors. It was through pictures and letters that we became familiar with the names and faces of the children you were and are blessing with education, food, medical treatment and most importantly, your love and prayers. We were able to watch them grow just through correspondence. In December of 2018, I had the privilege of visiting the campus for the first time. I saw so many familiar faces and received so many hugs. The blessings continued as I met the parents. They were working throughout the school cooking, cleaning and doing everything they could to support the mission of educating their children. As much as I enjoyed meeting the children with all the hugs and smiles, it was the parents that made the biggest

impact on me. I work in the school system here in the U.S., and the biggest problem we face is often lack of parental support. This was not an issue in Nicaragua. I was hearing all kinds of stories from parents about how much they appreciate what you are doing to change the lives of their children. They were sharing with me the struggles that they were having without education and the amazing opportunity that you provide for their children to not only gain that education, but to also have the great support system that the school offers. I was so fortunate to sit with Sandra and hear some stories of how things were going at the school during the protests. Our children were in a crisis situation, and the family at Nicaragua Christian School took it as an opportunity to serve the children at the school. They also showed the love of Christ to the families in the neighborhood near the school. This is what mission work looks like. This is what Jesus would be doing in this community. I truly believe that the money you send to support this work is going to further the Lord's kingdom in Nicaragua. What an amazing way our global church family has chosen to stand in the gap. – Lisa Lewis, Nicaragua Christian Sponsorship Coordinator

When my parents told me that we were going to Nicaragua last December, I almost couldn't believe it. I have always longed for travel like a fish yearns for water. We arrived in Managua after two long plane and bus rides. Nicaragua was all that I imagined it would be and more. From the people, to the landscape, to the culture, everything was unique. But what really captured my heart was the kids. They all stood in a line a mile long, and every last one of them hugged you. By the end of the line you were slightly exhausted and overwhelmed by the love and joy that surrounded you. When it was at last time to leave, I left a piece of my heart with the Nicaragua Christian School and a new perspective. – Lily Lewis



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