



Providing a Christian education today and a hope for tomorrow...

Minerva Drive VBS | Kevin Lavender

When I was first asked to write about our group's latest trip to the Nicaragua Christian School, I wasn't sure how to sum up a week's worth of events into a few short words. All together it is a phenomenal trip that encourages both our group and the people who attend the VBS.

I have never witnessed so much joy and love coming from one place in such a short amount of time. It seems like we go down seeking to give, but instead come back having received more than we could ever give. Children always seem to cut right down to our hearts and melt any predispositions we might have. For those that have experienced this feeling, it is one that is never forgotten and often kept close to our hearts.

Our group took quite a few new people with us this year, and I am personally grateful for each one of them. Each one engaged the children during the VBS and by the end everyone had several children with whom they had created a special bond. Love to this degree is what Jesus calls us to have for everyone we meet. I pray that we all take this lesson to heart and start living out the life Jesus wants us to live.



Sharing the love of Jesus



Home Again | Kim Bracken

It's been 8 months since we returned to Tennessee after living in Nicaragua for two years. Our first visit to Nicaragua was in November of 2009. By March of 2010, we felt that Nicaragua



Christian School was where God wanted us to be. After talking to the president of the school board and our church elders, we made a commitment to serve two years in Nicaragua. Neither my husband nor I had any training in missions, but we knew that God had called us. So, in January 2011 we moved to Nicaragua. We lived in a house on the campus of Nicaragua Christian School and worked with the school and the six preachers supported by Campbell St. Church of Christ. Moving to Nicaragua was a huge adjustment for our family. Our daughter, who was 12 years old at the time, cried every day for three months. We wondered if we had made the right decision or if our kids would be in therapy for the rest of their lives because we took them away from their home and moved them to a third world country. God assured us over and over again that we were right where he wanted us.



In some ways, it seems like a lifetime ago that we lived in Nicaragua. At times, it seems like we were never there. We are back in our home in Jackson, attending the same church, chauffeuring the kids to different activities and doing the same type of work we did before Nicaragua.



When I was in Nicaragua, I longed for America and now that I'm in America I long for Nicaragua. I miss the simple life in Nicaragua. I miss the people of Nicaragua. I miss hearing worship songs sung in Spanish. I miss seeing all the students at NCS play at recess. I miss working with mission teams. I miss our American missionary friends that continue to live and serve in Nicaragua. I miss being in Nicaragua. I will always have a special place in my heart for Nicaragua. Our daughter, the one who



cried every day for three months after our move to Nicaragua, tells me every week how much she misses Nicaragua.

God has a purpose for everyone. If you are breathing and your heart is beating, God has a purpose for you. I encourage you to seek out God's purpose for your life. After you discover God's purpose for you, act on it. I truly believe that if you follow God's purpose for your life, you will be blessed beyond measure.

Academic Competition Success

Each year, Nicaragua holds an academic competition for students in grades 6-11. There are 600 schools in Leon and the surrounding area that participate in this competition. This was the first year that NCS was able to compete. Two students, Leonidas and Leticia, represented NCS. Leonidas competed in mathematics and Leticia competed in Spanish. Leticia took 2nd place out of 50 schools. Leonidas continued to take 1st place in math at each competition. He won 1st place out of 600 hundred schools! On August 8th, Leonidas competed in the National finals in Managua. He performed admirably even though he did not place in the competition. We are proud of Leonidas, Leticia and the teachers that helped them prepare for this competition.



Enjoying a snack during recess

August 10, 2013 a parade was held in Leon to recognize the achievements of the students in Leon who participated in this competition. NCS was asked to lead the parade. Leonidas carried the national flag and Leticia carried the school flag. We are thankful for the ways that God continues to bless NCS.

Nicaragua Christian School needs your help. The past two years every child at NCS has received a Christmas gift from people like you. We want to do this again this year and even go beyond just giving the students a gift but also other children in the communities and churches we work with. This is a great service project for families, youth groups, life groups, school groups, Bible classes, clubs and other organizations. These Christmas boxes are inexpensive and easy to put together but bring such happiness to the children in Nicaragua. Visit our website for complete instructions: www.nicaraguachristian.org



Sponsorships for 2013

Each year more children join NCS. If you would like to sponsor a child you can for \$40 per month, \$480 per year. If interested contact us for a sponsorship form.

Contact Us:

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If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to sponsor a child or toward the building fund, please contact us or visit us on the web at www.nicaraguachristian.org.



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