

2017 VBS BY SALEM CREEK

Twenty-eight members of the Murfreesboro, TN, Salem Creek church of Christ and twelve other people from other local congregations conducted the annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) the last week of June 2017. The VBS lasted four days, but many other activities occurred that week which left a lasting impression on the Nicaragua Christian School students, but also on each individual that traveled to Leon.

The trip preparation began early, and many Salem Creek members assisted in this effort by volunteering their time to cut, color and glue VBS activities for the students. This was the ninth year of conducting the VBS for the congregation with a record number participating, but it was the first year that an advance party actually arrived the day prior to everyone else. This allowed the reception of the larger group to go much smoother, but even with the advance party on the ground; nothing could prep the group for the bus ride from the airport to Leon. The bus broke down, and they had to wait on the side of the road for a replacement bus. Several comments and jokes were made that this might be a sign of things to come. Luckily, it was not. The very next day over 400 attended a Women's Conference where Janie Harper spoke about unity in the family, and the VBS averaged over 460 per day in attendance!



The team not only conducted VBS, but the women banded together and painted two of the classrooms while the boys played baseball against the students. Many argued about what the highlight of trip was. Some said it was being able to spend time in the neighborhoods advertising the VBS, and others stated it was the combined evening devotional with the Nicaraguans as both nationalities learned how to sing songs of praise in each other's language.

The relationship that has been built between

Nicaragua Christian School and the Salem Creek congregation is one that impacts the hearts of all on the trip. It is also a great opportunity to see and visit some of the students that are sponsored by members of the congregation. Planning is already underway for next year's trip!





A REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL

Hello brother and. Sister in Christ. From us to you a big hug. For me it is a wonderful opportunity to be part of this beautiful " Christian School in Nicaragua. (A family for Jesus Christ) 2017 has been a greatest years, despite the different difficulties has been amazing to God hand working with each persons here.

Some of our advances is:

- 1. spiritual educational growth in this place we have 550 students of whom 50 of them have been baptized
- 2. Begin Work together for some new goal with teachers, student and parents. But example: the new marching band. We found money with some simple and humble activities, we had profit, for do it. Was a dream do it.
- 3. The academic score. Is put us in the second place, in Leon. With our kids of high school. We want to say thank to every body that come here with love from USA. Ever body that spend time in this project and donate money. Only because love God and a new future for this kids. I cant to pay back. God is going to reward you. Special thank to David and Brenda McCrary whom God prepared for this project and turn the dreams of many children into Reality.

The dream 2018 first our God is:

- 1. Take ours first high school graduates
- 2. The Sewing workshop. Is going to work in our uniform
- 3. Be in contact with the new generation in the college.
- obstacles Is sure, Luke 17:1. Jesu Christ, say yes. Is sure. But we can work together for be wright and win. Like Bible say salmos 133:1. I want to be together with you because we going to be strong and God is going to be with us. We love this project and we love you.

In Christ, Sandra Salina Directora CCN

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