



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

2014 in Review, A Wonderful Year

2014 was a wonderful and incredible year for NCS. First and most important, the growth of spirituality on campus was evident throughout the school. One of our teachers and one of our 7th grade students was baptized! Several of the teachers and parents of students attend worship each Sunday and about 30 of our 6th and 7th grade students also attend faithfully. It is wonderful to see more that 80 people worshipping in the auditorium.

This year NCS was first place in the 60 schools in NCS district as rated by the Ministry of Education. This placed NCS at the front of a very big and important parade through downtown Leon & NCS carried the banner and the Nicaraguan flag.



Marching in the Parade

Among other achievements and honors were 37 students who were chosen to participate in "Young Talent" at the National University. Four students were selected to participate in a special study program each Saturday, also at the University.



Graduation Ceremonies

One student was 1st place in Best Student in Leon (a city of 300,00 people) and will receive national recognition and money for future education needs. Another 6th grade girl won 3rd place in athletic competition for the entire country and has placed very high in academic performance. Space will not allow the entire list of wonderful advancements at NCS in 2014, but what a year!



Academic Honors



Baptism on Campus!

As always we also had many challenges. Most of these were the normal and expected problems, which are always a part of children becoming teenagers. Thank you for giving these beautiful children such an opportunity to participate and learn how to succeed.

WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL, THESE SUCCESSES COULD NEVER BE POSSIBLE.

Please know that we have only just begun. There is much more to do so please continue to do what you can to support the school.

Student Focus, Hazel Castro | Brenda McCrary

Hazel is a 12-year-old Nicaraguan 7th grader. She lives with her father and mother and a smaller brother in Leon, Nicaragua. Her father sells bread on the street to make a living. Her mother is a "stay at home" mom. Hazel enrolled at NCS the first year that the school opened as a 5yr old preschooler.

Hazel has been an average student each year with no behavior problems. 6 months ago Hazel's grades begin to fall. The teachers started to be concerned. Visiting with the family they found out that Hazel's mother had cancer, and was taking chemo making her very sick. Her father had to stay at home with her mother, so he was unable to work. Hazel had to help a lot at home with the cooking and house duties. Hazel's grade fell precipitously the first semester of the year.

NCS began to help the family with food each week and help Hazel study. This took pressure off her father to provide and enabled Hazel to concentrate more on her studies.

Hazel's grades begin to improve the last semester. She brought her grades up in Lecture, Science and Computer. Her grades were always good in Bible and behavior. All of the teachers were astonished that her grades improved due to the time she had to spend away from school.



Hazel Castro

Hazel's mother had a bilateral mastectomy a few weeks ago. Everyone is praying for a cure for her mother.

Hazel states that she wants to study to be a psychologist in college. Hazel and her dad were at school on Thursday before graduation to get her grades. Her dad spent the morning there helping clean the buildings before graduation. They both want to say they appreciate the support and understanding during the illness of her mother.

THEY BOTH STATED THAT HAZEL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THIS EDUCATION WITHOUT THE PEOPLE WHO SPONSOR HER.

When asking Hazel for one word to describe her time at the school, she stood for a minute and looked at the ground and then the sky, then back at me with a big smile and said "THANKFUL". And I cried.

Ten Reasons to Sponsor a Child at NCS | Dee Ann Scott

10. You can make a difference. Your sponsorship makes a difference academically, spiritually, and economically in the life of a child and his/her family. He or she may be the first member of his/her family who has ever been to school.

9. It is good stewardship of your money. You know exactly where your money goes. Your \$40/month pays for your child's tuition, books, school supplies, uniform, and a hot meal each day. What a bargain!

8. It gives hope. Hope of an education and a better life for themselves and their whole household! They go home and share their lessons with the whole family. Even more importantly, thanks to daily Bible classes, they learn of the eternal hope of Christ. Many hear of God's love for the first time ever through NCS.

7. Your sponsorship improves their physical and mental health.

In a society where health care is NOT a given, the staff of NCS see that each student's medical health is addressed and health and wellness are taught. Additionally, a professional Christian counselor provides evaluation of their emotional health and gives counseling as needed.

6. Sponsoring a child sets a great example for your own children. "Train up a child in the way he should go..." Proverbs 22:6

5. Attending NCS helps your sponsored child feel "normal." Sponsorship means they GET to go to school and wear a uniform, just like the wealthier children. For these children, going to school is actually a treat and a privilege.

4. NCS provides a strong academic education. Each year students participate in numerous citywide and regional academic competitions, always coming away with top honors.

3. The joy of receiving those photos and letters from your child's family each year. Oh, those sweet smiling faces will just melt your heart!

2. Without your sponsorship to NCS, these precious children would not be in school anywhere. For children sleeping on dirt floors in "houses" with walls of plastic sheeting, the cost of public school is a luxury these children can't afford.

1. After sponsoring one child, you will want to sponsor more.

The new school year starts February 2015. Thirty-five new precious, eager children will need to be sponsored by loving Christian people like you. Please consider sponsoring one or more for a mere \$40/month. Or maybe you had rather be a classroom sponsor, or sponsor a teacher...To sign up, go to <http://nicaraguachristian.org/donate.html> The rewards are eternal!

"Do not hinder the children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14.



School Pictures

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



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