



# NICARAGUA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COLEGIO CRISTIANO EN NICARAGUA

## 2016 Graduation and Promotion

Happy smiles, Hugs, Respect, Joy, Thankfulness, Honor. These words are heard (by actions) clearly as you enter the campus of Nicaragua Christian School. From the guard who opens the gate, to the cleaning lady, to the construction men, you see these words loud and clear. They do not speak English but these words are seen through their actions to us and to each other.

Psalms 100 takes on a different meaning after visiting Nicaragua Christian School. Thanks to GOD for Nicaragua Christian School and the people there who are teaching about GOD.

What a wonderful time to be at NCS November 29th and 30th. The last two days of school for 2016 were spent having fun with the students. They had parties for the pre-school, primary and secondary children which were thoroughly and exuberantly enjoyed by all the students as well as the faculty and administration.

But the highlight of the 2 days was at the end of chapel on Tuesday when in a very organized way, every child (over 500 in number) gave an enthusiastic and sincere hug to every other child in the auditorium. These kids truly love one another and show it over and over.

Thursday, probably over 200 parents came on the campus with mops, brooms, buckets and rags to scrub every floor, wall, desk, chair, window and whatever else needed cleaning. It is amazing to see the great work being done by so many volunteers. At 5:00pm they arrived back to get the final reports for all their children for 2016.

Friday the graduation ceremonies began with the pre-school children leading the audience in the National Anthem and then one of the High School students sang the USA Anthem in English. After that we were privileged to witness the promotion of 36 preschoolers into the 1st grade and 41 6th graders into the first year of High School (7th grade).

To see GOD at work in this school wonderful....







## A Time to Be Thankful

Kora Bracken

The week of Thanksgiving is often overlooked by most, living in the shadow of Christmas which tends to be the most popular holiday. When thinking of Thanksgiving, a lot of people admit that their first thought is of the meal they will share with their family. For me, Thanksgiving is the time that I return to a place that serves as a great reminder of what Thanksgiving is truly about- Nicaragua. For those who do not know, Nicaragua happens to be the poorest country in Central America and is ranked as the third poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. When I visit this place, as beautiful as it is tragic, it evokes an overwhelming sense of thankfulness within me. It's not simply witnessing the extreme poverty that rattles me, but rather seeing the people who struggle to survive treat someone like me- a wealthy "gringo"- with sincere generosity and a unique sense of kindness that I have yet to experience in America. These people, who are far less blessed than I, are the most joyous people I have had the pleasure of meeting and it continually astounds me how thankful they are even in times of hardship. So, as we enter into the Christmas holiday, I implore you to not forget the gifts you already have. Thanksgiving is not the only time we can celebrate the blessings that we have been given by God and I am striving to recognize these blessings, no matter how small, and give thanks for each of them.



### Sponsors

2017 is here!!! If you have not sent your tuition payment for your child, please send it as soon as possible. And please make your check to Nicaragua Christian School.

Even with the rising costs, donations continue to keep us operating with sponsorships staying at \$40 per month or \$480.00 per year. NCS could not operate without the support of all our sponsors. Thank YOU.

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