

Prayer Requests

Praise for a restful Christmas holiday with lots of family time.

Praise that Myles graduated well from Kindergarten.

Praise for God's provision for our needs while living and serving in Nicaragua.

Pray for Myles as he starts grade one at a new school and Arianna starts preschool also at a new school.

Pray for continued financial provision for the next fiscal year.

Pray for health, safety and a balanced life while working and living in Nicaragua.

Financial Support:

To support our work financially, send donations to Resonate Global Mission using the address found on page 2.

Please write, Maynor & Alicia Navarrete, in the memo line and make cheques payable to Resonate Global Mission. Donate on-line by going to www.crwmm.org/navarrete.

Thanks!!!



Dear Family & Friends,

Happy 2018!

During 2017 we spent five months in Canada sharing about our ministry and life in Nicaragua. We used many words and images to describe what life is like in a foreign country. At one visit with a Senior's club, I (Alicia) even brought in food and common objects from Nicaragua in an effort to more effectively share about culture and life.

However, the thing that we have found to be most effective in sharing our experience is through teams, volunteers and individuals who visit Nicaragua. It isn't until you see the vivid colours, smell the pungent smells of body odour, exhaust fumes and fried food, feel the heat of the intense sun or hear the crow of the rooster at 5am, do you really start to understand what we experience. This is one of the reasons we like to promote short-term teams, volunteers and visitors. It gives you, even if for just a moment, the opportunity to experience life in a different culture and gain a greater understanding of that culture. The experience becomes tangible and real when you visit a different country and culture. Our life in Nicaragua is no longer just a bunch of pictures but a memory and shared time together.

We enjoy taking visitors to tour the Nehemiah Center to meet the people who work so diligently to serve others. We love to show off the beauty of Nicaragua with its many lakes and volcanoes. And we delight in welcoming guests to our home and share a meal with them. It is a privilege and joy for us to receive the gift of a visit and share with others the beauty of God's hand at work in Nicaragua.



We are thankful for a volunteer from Georgetown CRC, currently working at Nicaraguan Christian Academy International for 8 weeks. We are excited for visits from individuals from Maranatha CRC, Woodstock who are vacationing in Nicaragua. And we look forward to spending time with a Come and See Vision Trip with team members from Bethel CRC, Listowel and First Hamilton CRC. These are just a few of the visits from supporting churches that we will be a part of in the next couple of months. We pray that through each visit hearts will be open to new experiences and a greater understanding of a different culture.

If you are interested in visiting or volunteering in Nicaragua, please feel free to contact us with any questions. It would be our pleasure to give you more information on places to visit, and great ways to serve.

*In Christ,
Maynor & Alicia,
Myles and Arianna*





Milestones for Myles!

There have been some pretty big moments in Myles' life in the past couple of months; graduating kindergarten, turning 6 years old and starting grade one at a new school.

On December 2, 2017 Myles graduated from kindergarten at his beloved preschool where he spent the last four years. The little preschool that Myles attended created a loving and safe place for him to learn and make friends. So leaving it has been a big deal especially as he embarks on a new journey of grade one.

The Nicaraguan school year follows a different calendar year than the North American school system. It begins in early February and the school year ends at the end of November. On January 31, 2018, Myles started grade one at Nicaraguan Christian Academy – Nejapa Campus. This is a Spanish speaking school which follows the Nicaraguan school year. Despite the difficult transition from kindergarten to grade one, Myles was excited about starting at a new school and learning new things. One his first day he took the bus and found friends already on his bus who greeting him with enthusiasm.

We are excited about the prospect of Myles being at a Nicaraguan school where he will learn to read in Spanish and understand more about his Nicaraguan culture. The campus is also situated on the same property as the Nehemiah Center which means it is very accessible for us.

We ask for prayers for Myles during this transition as he adjusts to a new school and makes new friends!

Kingdom Finances



Most Nicaraguans live in survival mode, meaning they live from day to day trying to provide food and basic essentials for their families. In a recent study done by a financial blogger, Elaine Miranda, found that over 85% of those with an income above \$200/month have some kind of debt. Furthermore, almost 30% spend more than 50% of their income to pay debt owing.

In response, the Nehemiah Center initiated a Kingdom Finances program that proposes to teach Nicaraguans personal finance and to be stewards of what God has provided them. After finishing the first course in September 2017, 15 members continue to receive mentorship from the Nehemiah Center. They meet once a month to discuss topics of personal finance to better understand how to apply this to their own situations.

It is exciting for the Nehemiah Center to meet such a practical need through the Kingdom Finance program. Pray that the funding needed to continue this program will be provided and that meanwhile those involved in the program find encouragement to continue mentoring the participants.