

Sharing God's Grace with the World



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I send a warm greeting to all of you, my brothers and colleagues in the ministry.

In these six months, my first six months working on the Grace Ministries International team in Nagarote, Nicaragua to build up the ministry of the local church plant, "Arraigados," I have divided my work into three main areas.

FIRST, THE MINISTRY "MISIÓN RENACER." It is a job that I love. Every Tuesday a group of people from the church meet and prepare a lunch to share with the people who work in the garbage dump here in the town of Nagarote. They are people who survive by collecting and selling things that others throw away in order to have some money to live on. The garbage dump is sad, dirty and smelly, but these people wait for us every Tuesday with hope — first to learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ and after that being able to enjoy a delicious, fresh, hot meal.

SECOND, OUR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES. We started doing them once a month and now we do them every two weeks. Right now, we are studying the Book of Ruth, and more and more women are attending, wanting to listen to the Bible teachings. It is very pleasant as we laugh, sing, learn, and cry together. We always share some sandwiches. The Bible study has become an outreach to many women and allows for Jesus Christ to be an influence in their homes.

THIRD AND NOT LEAST, DISCIPLESHIP. Women come to my house individually and we study together the life of Jesus: from His birth and childhood; the beginning of His ministry; the way in which Jesus showed Himself to the people and His disciples; and the redemptive plan that He has for each one of us. For me, it is something extraordinary to be able to review again and again the entire life of Jesus and His redemptive work. At the same time, we share a snack or a lunch and thus we get to know each other better.



Our visits and lunches are anticipated and welcomed by those that work at the dumps to support themselves.

Right now, Juliet, Huguet, Cecilia, and Erika come all the time and there is a new woman who is going to start coming soon. Her name is Jazmina.

I also work with the children's groups on Saturdays and with the Sunday school children's ministry by preparing Bible teachings for them. It's a lot of fun as we play and sing.

This year we had the privilege, again, to run Kid's Games in July. More than 200 children from the community came. We had a lot of work on those days, but we ended up very satisfied with the work done. Thank God, a family from the United States came to support us.

My main challenge is that I am in intensive English classes which I attend from Monday to Friday from 6 am to 7:30 am. I love it!! I am trying to make the most of the classes.

One of the sad things that has happened is that two of the older adults in our ministry have died, so we have been helping their families in the grief process.

I am so grateful to God, because He has provided me what I need, because He challenges me day by day to work and do new things. I am also so grateful to each one of you who are my traveling companions in my missionary work. May God bless you more each day.

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Finally, beloved brothers,

we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message spreads quickly and is honored wherever it goes, just as when you heard it. Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, because not all of them are believers.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

Prayer Requests

- ➔ *You can pray for each one of the ministries and the leaders, and that we are prepared for each one of them.*
- ➔ *Pray for the new people who are listening to the gospel, so that God makes that little seed grow in them and bear much fruit.*
- ➔ *Pray for the women who are learning from the life of Jesus so that they may be courageous women who take what they learn to their children and husbands, and so they can disciple other women.*
- ➔ *Please also pray for the possibility of me serving in another country, so that Jesus will guide my steps to do His will and not mine.*



The Women's Bible Studies continue to grow as we regularly do life together.