

Sharing God's Grace with the World

SOUTH AMERICA

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Bolivia



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Dear friends,

Happy New Year! You will surely be very curious to know what's new!
I can divide these six months into three areas:

1. MINISTERIAL WORK.

The charm that Nicaragua had for me was its beautiful people. During my time there, I had the opportunity to meet many people and talk to them about Jesus, in the garbage dump, in the city of Nagarote, in my discipleship meetings and in the different ministry groups; especially that of women and Sunday worship. In each one, I was able to learn a lot. I also learned from my GMI team members, Emiliano and Raquel, from Aaron and Adela, and Lily. I saw them apply the word of God, grow and bear fruit. The Christmas celebration was very nice and many people from the town participated, mostly relatives of the people who attend our church. We put on a play, we prepared a delicious Nicaraguan meal, "Arroz a la Valenciana" and, as always, a nice message of salvation was given.

2. PREPARATION TO LEAVE NICARAGUA AND FAREWELL.

Many times we feel comfortable where we are, but our Father tells us to move like Jesus did, and later Paul. In the midst of all the ministry work, I did not realize how short the time was in Nicaragua. Time passes very quickly there and, suddenly, it was my last days with my children and those beautiful people who gave me so much love. It was difficult to leave, but it was easy to replace my job in Nicaragua, because there were many people willing to go on, help and motivate others. Anthony, a young man of only 18 years old, was left leading the "Renacer" ministry (working with those in the garbage dump); many women remained supporting the women's group, and Adela remained with my disciples. I feel very happy to see Jesus transforming people and leading them to Him. In December, Margarita, one of our church elders who attended the senior group, died; and this was hard for me, since she was a special person.



Ministering to the people at the garbage dump in Nagarote, Nicaragua



Preparing and sharing a meal at Arraigados.





3. VISIT MY BELOVED COSTA RICA BEFORE GOING TO MY NEW FIELD.

I arrived in Costa Rica on December 28. I was only going to stay for a month visiting my family and my church, but it was extended to two months because in Bolivia, which is my next mission field, the delivery of some documents that I need to be sent with official government seals was delayed. Well, I believe that God is the one who arranges everything and, although one makes plans, He has the last word. In Bolivia I will work supporting different activities. Some of these are: Legal processes that the GMI ministry needs to do with the government to keep compliant; support for the Bible Institute where I will be promoting on social networks and helping a little with enrollment, students, and classes; and I will also support women's ministries, discipleship, and homeless ministries. I am very eager to get to Bolivia. Here in Costa Rica, I have taken advantage of the time to visit my family, meet with some of the women who attended the women's group of the church and do activities with the missionary team of the church, motivating them to continue supporting the missions. I also had the joy of serving at vacation Bible school and talking about Jesus to the children who attended.

I am so grateful to God because He takes care of me, He is my livelihood, He gives me strength and health and because He has given me the opportunity to be a missionary. Also, I am thankful for each one of you, who support me and embrace me with your prayers, which is the most important thing.

***I want to thank you for your love and care.
May the Lord bless you! A hug!***

Marta Cordero

Students who attended VBS in Costa Rica



Always be joyful,

*pray without ceasing,
give thanks to God in every situation,
because this is his will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer Requests

- ➔ *Pray for all the people of Nagarote, Nicaragua who heard of Jesus and decided to trust in Him. Also, for those in Costa Rica and Bolivia, so that God prepares their hearts so that they know Him.*
- ➔ *Pray that all the paperwork from Bolivia goes on time and I don't have any more trouble leaving. And to conclude, I ask you to pray so that I have a sensitive and obedient heart for what God wants for my life.*