

# NICARAGUA NEWS

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“Context is king.”

We repeat the chant loudly, a classroom of eager young students in our very first Bible Institute class. “Context is king.” It echoes in my thoughts as I remind my class, but this time as the teacher, and in Spanish (thankfully, it’s one of those easy ones where you can just add the “O”).

“Contexto! Contexto!” they say it with me. This has been the motto for our introductory Bible Institute class, “How to study the Bible.”

As we look into God’s Word and at different methodologies for Bible study, we are putting verses in their broader context and gaining more understanding of the author’s original intent. One of the students, an associate pastor, told me that now he has to change how he preaches. He realized that a sermon he preached recently was out of context and his application was not at all what the verse is saying. Learning is fueling his passion to study the Bible so he can continue to share it with others. He is excited to take more classes and become better equipped to teach and impact his community.

Our goal in Nicaragua is to evangelize, disciple, and train leaders to plant churches with members and attenders who know, understand, and live out the grace of God.

Second Timothy 2:2 says, “You then, my child be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

Like a relay runner with a baton, we are handing off what we have learned to faithful people who will continue to pass it on to others. There are many churches here, and much religion, but there is a great need for solid grace-based, biblical teaching that will help equip people for life and ministry. As they receive theological education and cultivate their love for God’s Word, it will grow and spread exponentially as they pass on what they learn with others.

Classes in the “Instituto Biblico Arraigados” will be open to the community in February with another round of “How to Study the Bible” as well as “Christian Life.” The Spanish word “Arraigados” means rooted and we have taken this term from Colossians 2:6-7: “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted [Arraigados] and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Thank you for being connected with the work God is doing with Grace Ministries International in Nicaragua. Through your support and prayer, lives are being impacted with the gospel of Grace and the power of God’s Word. Your partnership helps us to reach out in our city and share His love with families in our neighborhood, to offer discipleship and training, and most recently, to begin Bible Institute classes.



*The Chapman family*



*Brett teaching*



*Instituto Biblico Arraigados*



Bible Institute class



Kids' Club



Chloe, Lily, Ethan and Asher

**Would you be praying with us for:**

- **Bible Institute Students:** Especially Hem, who is pursuing a career in missions and teaching a kids' Bible club in her neighborhood. She enjoys the "How to Study the Bible" class which is helping her understand what she is reading in God's Word and pushing her to dig deeper for answers to new questions. She is looking forward to taking more courses that will further assist her in ministry.
- Brett has been offering specific training courses in Bible study small group and with a couple of local churches, as well as with pastors from all over Nicaragua who gathered for a recent conference. He has many opportunities to teach in these groups in the coming year. **Please pray** for him as he prepares and teaches.
- **Arraigados Training Center:** We prayed together and God answered. Just one house over we are renting space for classes and outreach. **Pray** for wisdom in how best to use this space and our time in ministry and for hearts prepared to learn. **Pray** also for the teams that are coming this year to work on this space and reach out in Matagalpa.
- **KIDS' Club and English Classes:** God has given us great relationships here in our neighborhood through these outreaches. **Pray** for wisdom in how best to continue ministering to these kids and their families.
- **Family and Homeschool:** We are so thankful for how our kids are growing and learning. **Pray** for each of them to love the Lord and walk with Him. **Pray** for health so we can function well. **Pray** for the girls and Debby as they are homeschooling this year.

If you want to see pictures, read weekly prayer requests, or hear frequent news about the ministry here in Matagalpa, visit us at [www.facebook.com/chapmansinnicaragua](http://www.facebook.com/chapmansinnicaragua).

If you would like to receive our monthly email or just say hi, we'd love to hear from you. Please write us a note at [brett.chapman@gracem.org](mailto:brett.chapman@gracem.org) or write to us at Brett Chapman, Apt # 8, Matagalpa, NICARAGUA.

In Christ's love and for His glory,

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