

NICARAGUA NEWS

Volume 5, Issue 1 ~ May 2017

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works *which God prepared beforehand* that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10).

Bowls of paste, strewn newspaper, a rainbow of balloons, sticky hands. Some are smiling and working away, some are a bit frustrated with the mess and how it's not quite going their way. It's challenging at first to see what good will come of the disarray that covers the table right now, but there is a plan. Little by little our crafts take form.

An all-day open door, a living room filled with tables and chairs, many shared meals, studying Spanish, offering English, chatting with passersby, making crafts, watching games at the soccer field. Sometimes we wonder how it will all come together.



Sharing a meal with the men's Bible study group.

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

We are seeing God, the master craftsman, bring the pieces together. He is creative and loves variety; there is an abundance of ways for us to share with others the message of hope in Christ Jesus. He has put into our lives just the right experiences, gifts, and talents to reach out where we are now. How thankful we are that He has prepared this path for us.

Currently, we are building relationships and sharing Christ's love and His Word through teaching several weekly **Bible studies, English classes, a kids' Bible club, and developing discipleship materials.** Brett will begin teaching more foundations classes and Christian leadership classes in the next month. We have many daily opportunities to develop a close relationship with our neighbors and friends—dropping by, sharing news, and helping each other.

We are grateful that He at work in us and through us to accomplish this goal here in Matagalpa. We know this is not possible without your faithful prayers and support. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!



Men's Sunday morning Bible study is in English strengthening understanding in the Bible and providing good practice for Roberto, Felix, Eduardo and others who come.



Making pinatas at kids' club



Brett and Jeff sharing with Eduardo—when we first met he was skeptical of the gospel. Now we are praising God that we see a hunger to learn all he can about God's Word.



Left: Iris learned to make pizza with us the other night. She is a part of the kids' club and English classes and is full of great questions.



Right: Elba, a young mom who regularly attends Bible study, says that the way we study the Bible is different than she has ever done (reading through verse by verse in context and discussion), and it helps her to remember and be able to share with others what she is learning.

Would you be praying with us for:

- Wisdom as we learn to teach and disciple in Spanish.
- Those we meet with the desire to grow closer in their walks with the Lord and for some who will soon begin training in leadership.
- Hearts prepared to hear the gospel and further opportunities to share.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do and He will establish your plans (Prov. 16:3).

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Col. 3:17).

If you want to see pictures, read weekly prayer requests, and hear frequent news about the ministry here in Matagalpa visit us at 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 or write to us at Brett Chapman, Apt # 8, Matagalpa, NICARAGUA.



Kids' club Bible time



Kids' English class is a great opportunity to start with basics in English, build relationships within our neighborhood, and invite kids to learn about the Bible at kids' club.



Building relationships with our neighbors