

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your faithful prayers and support over the past year! The Lord was faithful in 2024 and we are looking forward to what He will do in 2025. We appreciate your partnership with us in our ministry in Nicaragua and we are excited to share with you what the Lord has been doing here in the town of Nagarote.

The month of December was filled with many activities and one of the highlights was our annual youth camp held the weekend of December 13th. It took a lot of preparation as we shopped, organized, and planned for this event. We praise God that the camp went well and made a spiritual impact on the lives of the students. Our fellow GMI team members, Jonathan and Brenda Tuttle, assisted with the camp by helping with the drama skits and Bible lessons. One of the students commented that the lessons "really spoke to him". In addition to the youth camp, we had several special Christmas activities in December and also hosted a dinner with the church leaders.

We are thankful for the spiritual growth we see in the lives of the people who are part of our GMI-affiliated church in Nagarote and we want to highlight a couple of them. Mr. Tomás is an older adult who regularly attends Sunday services, participates in the senior group, and is enrolled in the Bible Institute. We meet with him every Friday to study the Bible. He is a man who has worked hard his entire life and has experienced suffering and hardship throughout his life. We rejoice that even at his advanced age, he is determined to seek the Lord and put him first in everything for the first time in his life. Our relationship with him and the work of the Lord in his life has greatly encouraged us. He recently asked Aaron to help him learn how to navigate God's Word better and we praise God for his desire to study the Bible and grow in Christ!

We also thank the Lord for a young man named Anthony who is only twenty-one years old but is very mature in his faith. He has taken a leadership role in several of the ministries at the church in Nagarote, and he is very perceptive of the needs that exist within the church. He is constantly encouraging us and challenging the believers to grow in their faith and reach the community for Christ. We meet with him every Tuesday over lunch to encourage him and plan for ministry projects and activities. Please join us in praying that Anthony will continue to LUNCH AT THE GARBAGE grow as a leader in the church and keep his focus on eternal things.



CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR WITH OUR DAUGHTER ELENA



STUDENTS ATTENDING THE ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP



ANTHONY SERVING DUMP OUTREACH

We only have temporary residency in Nicaragua and we are once again starting the process to renew our visas. This is a time-consuming process and there is always some uncertainty as to whether they will be approved. After several trips to the immigration office in Nagorate, we were directed to go to the capital of Managua. When we went to Managua, the process could not be completed because we lacked a document that we were not aware would be required. Please pray that the Lord will prepare the way for our visas to be renewed and that He will give us patience and peace as we wait for this process to be complete.

In December we celebrated Christmas with our church family and friends, and we enjoyed a very nice time with our GMI teammates, Jonathan and Brenda Tuttle, who were able to join us from the town of Delores. Unfortunately, the entire family came down with colds at the end of the year and Elena had a high fever. We are thankful that we were able to slowly recover and look forward to better health in the new year.

We thank God that the construction on the street in front of the church in Nagarote is progressing well and when completed will provide better access to the church and enhance our location. We also thank God for those in church leadership who are working alongside us in Nagarote, including Anthony, and a married couple named Hamilton and Sharon who have been instrumental in the ministry here.

As we begin the year, the month of January will be a month of planning and preparation for a new year of ministry. Please join us in praying that God will guide us throughout this year, that everything we do will be directed by Him, and that we will be obedient to His voice. Please also pray that our visa renewals will be quickly approved as we are concerned about our residency status and the possibility of having to pay fines until this is resolved and our residency status is approved. We would also appreciate your prayers for our health, joining us in praying that God will give us the strength and good health we need to continue working in the ministries of the church throughout the year.

We want you to know that our hearts are overflowing with joy because we have brothers and sisters like you who partner with us in ministry, pray for us, and encourage us as we walk with God here in Nicaragua!

We send you a big hug from Nagarote!

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CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT ARRAIGADOS CHURCH



ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE



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