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Serving in
Nicaragua



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Dear brothers and sisters,

The old saying that *time flies by so quickly* certainly seems to apply to our lives! We recently reread our prayer letter from last fall, and it brought back many memories that seem so distant, even though they were not that long ago. This time of year, it's very hot, sunny, windy, and dusty in Nagarote. While the grass is very dry, some of the trees and plants in our garden are producing abundant harvests of mangoes, jocotes, and melons. We appreciate and cherish your partnership with us in the ministry here, and thank the Lord for this opportunity to share what God continues to do in the ministry of Arraigados (Rooted) Church.

You may recall from our previous letter that there has been some major street construction going on in front of the church for the past several months. The pavement is being extended with medians installed and trees planted. The paved road previously ended just before the church property. Extending the paved road provides better access to the church, eliminates the mud, dirt, and dust we previously experienced, and enhances the curb appeal of our property.

Training and equipping men for leadership in Arraigados Church has been a priority for the Grace Ministries International (GMI) team in Nagarote for several years. We currently have three men who are being equipped for pastoral leadership in the church. Anthony is a single young man who has been involved in ministry since he was a teenager, while Hamilton and Eyner are married and have families. The four of us meet regularly as a pastoral team to plan our teaching and preaching at the church, evaluate the ministries, support each other in prayer, and plan events for the year. We then meet with the leaders of the various ministries so we can be unified in our goals and plans for reaching our community for Christ.

We praise God for a dear older woman, named Dorita, who has taken on the role of church treasurer this year. Dorita has been very active in the church and is known for her bold witness in the community. As our treasurer, she is motivating people to work together to cover the church's monthly expenses. In addition to serving as treasurer, Dorita serves in a street evangelism outreach and leads home Bible studies. She has inspired other women to work alongside her in ministry, and Anthony and Eyner assist her with ministry one day a week.

We praise the Lord that our Children's Sunday School ministry is going well, and we are thankful for the seven teachers the Lord has blessed us with. They teach on a rotating schedule with two teachers teaching each week while the others enjoy the worship service. We also have four leaders who faithfully serve in our Saturday children's program. This ministry is an outreach to neighborhood children, and our hearts are filled with joy as the children come each week to encounter Jesus and hear the gospel.



OUR FAMILY



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While we are certainly experiencing God's blessings on our lives and ministry, we are not immune to struggles and challenges. One of the ongoing challenges we face is securing the church property. Since last year, thieves have broken into the church several times. While we take precautions and make our buildings and property as secure as possible, this has not completely eliminated the break-ins. Because of the precautions we have taken in securing our valuables, they typically aren't able to steal very much, but they still cause considerable damage that is expensive to repair. In an effort to make it more difficult to access the church property, we completed a new section of the perimeter wall on the back side of our property, where the garden is located. Now they are trying to break in through another section that only has a fence and doesn't have a wall.

Another challenge we are experiencing is the need for more workers so that those who serve in the church do not become overburdened with ministry. We are thankful that most of those who attend Sunday services are also ministry leaders in the church and are very consistent and dedicated in their service to the Lord. As is often the case in the local church, a small group of people carries the majority of the ministry load, and that is definitely true of Arraigados Church. Each of our leaders is serving in multiple ministries. Those who are serving in the worship ministry also serve in the children's, prayer, and senior adults ministries; and those who serve in children's ministry also serve in the senior adults' ministry or women's ministry.

Our goal as missionaries is to gradually release ministries to local leaders who have been trained and equipped to take on the responsibilities of the local church. With a shortage of workers, this has been difficult for us to accomplish, and we are concerned that the workers we do have could become overburdened or burned out. As we seek more workers at Arraigados Church, we are reminded of the words of Jesus to his disciples in Luke 10, verse 2, where he says, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."** This is our constant prayer, and we ask that you join us in praying that the Lord will supply more workers for His ministry here in Nagarote.

We appreciate your prayers and support for our family. As a family, God has been teaching us a lot about waiting on Him, not rushing, and depending on His will. This year, our goal is to enjoy God in everything we do, while patiently waiting for Him to answer our prayers. We have been amazed at times by His power and His way of responding, and we are so joyful in the way God has been at work in our lives and ministry, even when the answer isn't what we expected. Last year, we applied for a visa to visit our supporters in the US and were disappointed when our application was denied. With our support falling short of our needs nearly every month and our inability to visit you in the US, we became very worried about our finances. But this was just another opportunity for the Lord to show us His faithfulness, and we are thankful that He provides everything we need.

We are thankful for the many ways that God continues to work in our hearts. As missionaries, we sometimes think God's sole plan is to impact others through us, but we are reminded that God also wants to shape our lives as we serve others. We find confidence in the words of the Apostle Paul, who says in Philippians 1:6, **"that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."**

Thank you for your faithful prayers, support, and partnership with us here in Nagarote,

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