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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the United States! After much prayer, patience, and anticipation, I arrived in the US in early July. I will be in the US until early December, and I have been busy visiting churches and meeting many wonderful believers here over the past couple of months. If I haven't already had the opportunity to meet you, I hope our paths cross as I continue to visit churches and travel to mission conferences in the Pacific Northwest this fall. Thank you for walking alongside me through your prayers, encouraging words, and financial support, and for this opportunity to share with you what the Lord has been doing in my ministry over the past six months.

Other than my short-term assignment in Mérida, Mexico, for a couple of months last fall, I have been serving with the Grace Ministries International (GMI) team in Nicaragua during the first half of 2025. My primary ministries in Nicaragua include women's discipleship, senior adult ministry, and women's ministry. I also work with the GMI team in Nagarote to coordinate various discipleship activities and plan the retreats and workshops held at Arraigados Church.

Senior Adult Ministry

I serve in a support role in our senior adult ministry, working with my GMI teammates Aarón and Adela Cordero, who are also my son and daughter-in-law. I assist with Bible teaching and also help transport the elderly participants to and from the meetings. I help facilitate the meetings and spend time in conversation with the senior adults seeking to understand their concerns and find resources to meet their needs. We also support our seniors by preparing and distributing food boxes for those who are no longer able to work and do not have families that can help support them. Working with these dear people is bittersweet, as they often experience serious health issues, and two of our regular group members passed away over the past several months. We also had a young person in our church die during that time, and the loss of these dear saints has brought much sorrow to our church family.

Women's Ministry

Our women's group is continuing with their study of the book of Acts. Prior to my trip to the US, I was teaching on the transition from the Kingdom program in early Acts to the formation of the Body of Christ, as revealed to the Apostle Paul during the current dispensation of Grace. One of the ladies from the church, Cecilia, assumed the leadership of this group in my absence, but she will soon be going to Costa Rica for three months of discipleship training.



**Celebrating the
Anniversary of the
Arraigados Church.**



**Bible Study for
seniors**



Cecilia and Olivia

Youth and Discipleship

One of the young men from our church, Anthony Sanchez, assumed leadership of the youth ministry in January. He filled in for me while I was in Mexico last fall, and when I returned from Mexico, he asked to continue leading the group. With the primary duties of the youth ministry turned over to Anthony, I utilized the extra time to begin several new discipleship relationships, meeting regularly with two people in person and another online. These regular times of discipleship have been put on hold while I am in the US, and will be resumed next year.

Other Ministry Activities

Before coming to the US, I spent several months teaching a dear lady from our Senior Adult ministry to read and write. Her name is Doña Olivia, and she is eighty-three years old. She wrote me a very touching farewell letter when I left to come to the US that warmed my heart. During the past six months, we held two retreats at the beach, one for youth and one for the senior adults. Both retreats had an emphasis on our relationship with Christ and strengthened the unity within each group.

On May 18th, Arraigados Church in Nagarote celebrated its eighth anniversary with great joy and thanksgiving. We also celebrated Mother's Day, showing our love and appreciation for our mothers in the service and serving a delicious cake afterwards. I also had the opportunity to prepare and teach two classes at the Nicaragua Bible Institute on the Epistles of Peter and John.

Visiting the United States

As I wrapped up my ministries in Nicaragua earlier this summer, I also began preparing for my first trip to the United States as a GMI team member. After a brief visit with family and friends in Costa Rica, I joined my fellow GMI team members, Juan and Lucrecia Chaves, and their two children to fly together to Michigan. Since arriving on July 4th, I have been blessed with the opportunity to visit churches and meet with individuals to share my desire to serve the Lord with the GMI team in Mérida, Mexico. I spent my first two months in the US visiting churches in the Midwest, but I will soon be traveling across the country to participate in mission conferences in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

Prayer and Support

Please pray for me as I travel and share my passion for serving the Lord in Mexico with churches and individuals over the next couple of months. I will be driving to the Pacific Northwest, and I would appreciate your prayers for smooth travels and safety on the road. Please also pray for the ongoing ministries in Nicaragua and for the people I have been discipling there over the past couple of years. Pray that the seeds that were sown will grow and bear much fruit. Pray also for the families of church members who have recently passed away.

These past several months have been a time of growth, as well as trials and challenges for me and the ministries in which I serve. I praise the Lord that through these challenges, I saw Him at work in the lives of the people of Arraigados Church and in the surrounding community. By the grace of God and with your ongoing partnership, I am confident that we will continue advancing the gospel of the grace of God in both Nicaragua and Mexico.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care! A big hug to you all!

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"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. "Ephesians 2:8-9



Youth Retreat



Olivia with her letter

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