

Dear Prayer Partners,

We said a heart-wrenching goodbye to our precious daughters on December 31, 2012, as we boarded the plane for Central America. God has given us this Spanish language, many new friends, and many open doors to minister over these past four years! As we look ahead to May 3, 2017, we anticipate many changes. Please **pray** for us as we transition into our one-year home assignment. Here are some specific prayer requests:

- Please **pray** that we will choose to trust God rather than worry.
- Please **pray** for a house to live in.
- Please **pray** for the renewal of our Nicaraguan Residence Visas.
- Please **pray** that God will preserve the Spanish and Nicaraguan sign language in our minds.
- Please **pray** for these precious Nicaraguans, pictured in the prayer clock on the back of this letter, that we are leaving behind for one year. Since there are many requests, perhaps this clock can help you to **pray** for some at different times in the day.

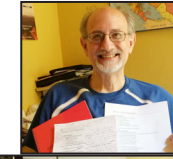
We are celebrating how God worked in the hearts of eight valley children to want to receive Jesus into their hearts! Sally was preparing to tell the Bible story of Jesus' birth and wanted a visual to communicate that the innkeeper had no room for Jesus. She wanted to use this story to ask the kids if they had room for Jesus in their hearts. God used Debby Chapman to give her an idea of a heart shaped visual with a door, that flipped to become an inn. It was perfect! We created these and used them in The Valley. The children understood and all eight wanted to receive Jesus into their hearts! Oh what joy!!!

It has been good developing relationships with Eduardo, Falex, Roberto, and Darwin from the Saturday morning English class. Eduardo has been faithfully attending both the Spanish and English Bible studies. It has been encouraging to see him grow. When Jeff first met him over a year ago, he was a skeptic. He told Jeff that he had many questions and doubts about God and wanted to pursue philosophy. Now, he seems to believe in God and Jesus as his Savior. He still has some awesome questions, which Jeff encourages and directs back to what God says in His Word.

In the English class, one girl did a presentation on sexuality. After her presentation, another student looked right at Jeff and asked him his opinion about homosexuality. Jeff said a quick prayer and the Lord led him to some verses to share with the class about this sin and God's love and forgiveness.

Jeff is so encouraged by his regular meetings with his Spanish tutor, Alberth. These sessions devoted to creating Bible studies, first on some names of God and now on Psalm 119, have opened the door for several biblical discussions, including salvation and good works. We had opportunities to talk about salvation and the place of good works in a person's life. This time with Alberth has become so much more than just improving Jeff's Spanish!

PRAYER CLOCK



12. Jeff and Alberth are working on developing a second Spanish Bible Study (1. Names of God, 2. Psalm 119). Please pray for the Bible study and student development.



1. God has granted favor to share Bible stories with Amistad special needs students./They will remember and apply God's Word.



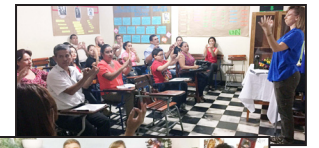
2. Blind Neyling loves crackers, music and dancing./ Wisdom on how to best reach her./Deaf Maria will continue rapidly learning Nicaraguan sign language and know her God.



3. UNN University staff will use their signs to share the love of God and the Word of God with deaf people./ Hearing sign language students will continue to reach out to the deaf with God's Truth.



4. Deaf Bible Study friends will grow in God's truth.



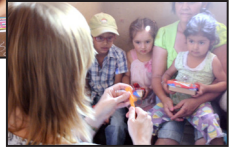
5. English students will embrace the truths Jeff taught them./Erwin will embrace the truth of his Ephesians 2 interpretation project with Jeff.



6. Deaf sisters, Juanita and Deloris, will continue to grow in Nicaraguan sign and God's Word.



7. Jolesbin will be able to return to the valley and grow in communication and God's Word./Sergio will continue to develop physically and spiritually. God will grow the faith of his mom as she wrestles with his delays.



9. Gentle deaf/blind Amalia signed, "Jesus heals."/ Deeper understanding of God's Word.



10. Please pray for our daughters: Bri graduates as a nurse this spring and is looking for a job; Rachel plans to marry Duane this summer!

11. Bible study attendees will grow in their knowledge of God and His Word.



8. Valley school students will embrace and apply God's Word. Eight valley kids opened their hearts to Jesus this December in their homes.



Thank you so very much for your prayers for these dear Nicaraguans! Lord willing, we will see you over this home assignment! Thank you for taking this missionary journey with us!

In His unfailing love,
Jeff and Sally