

Seravallis in Nicaragua



December 2017

THEFTS:

When we were training to be missionaries, we were told of the possibility of being robbed. This week it happened. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" John 10:10.

We were saddened by the destruction of many years of work, and the many donations from people who with all their love for God offered to buy and build useful resources for the ministry. I saw the faces of those who are learning from God but who are hurt by the recent thefts.

Thank God this ministry is not based on those resources—it is based on His Word, on the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of people, on the obedience of those who serve others so the gospel may multiply, and on Jesus.

Things are not our treasures: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6: 19-21.



Look at those faces and those souls—what great treasures! They are listening and learning about Jesus. There is the Rooted Heart!

We are grateful for all the eternal fruit that God is raising in Nagarote. After the sad events of the robberies, we have seen the people of the Arraigados ("Rooted") Church united and working hard on many projects like building walls so the work of the church continues. God has wrought in their hearts eternal life and the fruit of the Spirit.

BUILDING A BUILDING

This year we had a long construction project. The entrance of the church, the sign, the garden, the lights, the soccer/basketball court, the park, the kitchen, the bathrooms, the pavilion, the perimeter fence, and leveling the ground.

We have had beautiful teamwork; and we have received contributions from churches, families, and brothers in the faith. Every day you are part of lifting this project in prayer. With your contributions each nail, cement bag, and tool is purchased and all our workers are paid.

We have also experienced the work teams, the sweat, the fatigue,

the tears, the hugs, the teachings, the gifts, the sunburns, the words, and the smiles of all those who have visited Nagarote. Dreaming has become easier because we know that we are not alone.

BUILDING A CHURCH

On a normal day people work, go to school, have obligations, but every day God wants people to know Him. That is why our day is full—ministry to men, women, university students, adolescents, children, a time of discipleship, and time at the Bible Institute. Everything happens with the only reason being to bring people to know Jesus Christ and then be discipled. They can then take Christ to a friend, to Nagarote, to Nicaragua, and the world.

Thanks for your continuous prayers—this ministry continues the movement. As 2 Timothy 2: 2 says, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

Our challenge in Nicaragua is to empower the church to fulfill the desire of the heart of God.

CHALLENGE TO MULTIPLICATION



Ministries happening on the property and at Arraigados ("Rooted") Church



More photos of ministries happening on the property and at Arraigados ("Rooted") Church

The church has become a living organism. The children's ministry is being directed by the youth we have discipled for four years. They are also preparing themselves in a Bible Institute, and they know that someday we will leave Nagarote. So, we are already preparing for our departure from Nagarote.

The challenge has been that each month they leave their comfort zone a little bit more. They have prepared evangelism activities in Matagalpa. In Nagarote, they had a time of evangelism training, and soon they will invite their families to come to the Christmas activity that we will do in the church where we will share the birth of Jesus Christ.

PRAYING AS WARRIOR

- On the first of December we celebrated five years of marriage. People say it is the celebration of wood, but the only ingredient for this relationship to have become solid is God. He is the reason for every sunrise.

- The people of the Arraigados ("Rooted") Church are at war. They have all the desire to disciple, share the gospel, train, and serve, but they have struggles very similar to those you have at home. Pray for them, for their lives. Even if you do not know their names, God knows them.
- Pray for support for the Nicaragua construction projects in the Christmas catalog. These can be found on the GMI website by clicking [HERE](#).
- Also please pray for all six teams we will receive this year supporting this project. We need so much wisdom and strength to carry out this work when we have a lot of fatigue and few hands.
- Especially pray for help—we need missionaries to form a team with us full time. We also ask for Interns to come to work for short periods of time. We also trust that God is working in the hearts of

future Nicaraguan leaders, so pray for them.

- Pray for safety for the church, and for our eyes to be focused on eternal things, as John 10:10 says and especially our eyes on Jesus. Therefore, pray for our spiritual lives.

Thank you for always being with us, in the happy and sad days, for giving us your hugs through your prayers, for feeding us every day, for being our body and family in Christ. By standing firm even through many tribulations that you experience. Thank you for continuing to invest in eternal things.

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