

Seravallis in Nicaragua



December 2018

On December 1 we will be celebrating our sixth wedding anniversary! The day we were married we decided Acts 20:24 would be our life verse: “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.”

We arrived in Nicaragua with the goal of helping to develop qualified workers, as it says in 2 Tim 2:2, “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.”

Maybe this has been our most difficult year of ministry because of the crisis in Nicaragua, and because we had to cancel the visits of our USA teams during the summer. These teams bring a lot of momentum every year to our ministry and so much gets done in the area of construction. It has also been hard to work through a social, economical, and political crisis that is affecting every family. However, this

is the first time we are seeing fruit in the lives of people in whom we have invested for almost nine years.

Over the years we have developed relationships through personal discipleship, various ministries in a church building, and a Bible Institute. For a long time we were the only tools available for teaching in Nagarote, which was very tiring. But there is nothing more rewarding than seeing a plant with its firstfruits, and that we can have a presence in the lives of Marvin, Yilber, Mercedes, Larry, and Maynor.

Last August, Marvin and Yilber left for Costa Rica to have intensive leadership training as part of a Sonlife program. They have returned to be part of our leadership team. This allows us to dream in multiplication around Nicaragua. They have made known to us their interest in finishing their theological degrees at the Bible Institute. They want to go out to other areas of Nicaragua to have their part in the ministry and follow the steps of Jesus.

What great joy and happiness to walk in faith to fulfill an objective together.

In the same way, we want to continue investing in people like Mercedes, Larry, Laleska, Maynor, Yordin, Mai-kel, Mariely, Anthony, and Margine, in whom we see great potential and who learn every day how to be a true disciple of Christ, as it says in 1 John 2: 6, “Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.” They are also serving in the ministry and helping to share with the churches that have invited us all in Nicaragua to train their leaders in the life of Christ and in the study of the Bible. Pray much for each of them and for the ministry that God will develop through them in Nicaragua and the world.

This is what we mean to see God working faithfully and blessing beyond our imagination, only in a different way than we expected. They are always His plans and not ours.

In the last letter we told you a little about Alexa, who is a premature girl



*Marvin, Yilber, Jonathan and Brendan Tuttle
in “Sonlife” training*



*Follow Me Kids’ Club
9-12 years old*



*Kids’ Club
3-8 years old*



Milo and Raquel in Managua Lake



Our visit to "Sonlife" in Costa Rica



Our training visits to a church in Managua

who lost her mother and was under our care. She is now under the care of her father, who thanks to God has found the courage to face his loss with the help of God. Alexa is fine and is almost 6 months old.

We have had some very hard months in Nicaragua that thanks to God have already reached calmness and stability in the middle of the discontentment and economic crisis. Many people have migrated from the country, mainly to Guatemala and Costa Rica. Others have moved from Nagarote to other cities. But the tranquility that opens the doors to the teams during the year 2019 has arrived. This is our great prayer at this moment, which could be an injection of courage for a town that was left in a total depression. So, if you, your family, or your church is interested in coming to Nagarote and participating in the construction ministry, please contact us to plan in faith what your visit would be like.

Another way in which you can collaborate with the ministry is through the Christmas projects that are on the GMI website (gracem.org/Christmas-catalog/) to help achieve the construction objectives that can be found at www.miloyraquel.com.

In any case, if you cannot come to Nicaragua or contribute, we ask you to please pray. When people tell us they are praying for us, it is as if they are giving us a big hug from a distance. Please pray that the political situation in Nicaragua does not prevent the spread of the gospel. **Pray** for the gospel message to be spread and received with honor, and for God to protect us from evil people. **Pray** for our personal faithfulness to the Lord each day, in our relationship with Him, and in the ministry He has entrusted to us. We also **pray** for you, "As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray

that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance so that the Lord will fully understand you, so that we can fully express God's love and perseverance with patience" (2 Thess 3:1-5).



Youth Group Party

Milo and Raquel



Disciples retreat



Family day in Arraigados



Finishing the perimeter wall around the land