



Abiding...

John 15:5 — I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

The year 2021 for us is synonymous with abiding, although it has been very difficult to abide.

In our last letter we told you about the “Arraigados” church in Nagarote, full of 200 children and their parents, after the EXITE Team came to collaborate with Kids’ Games. During the next three months, the COVID crisis worsened quite a bit in Nicaragua. Churches closed their doors and many people died in our town. Among the sick were Lilibeth Ortega, Aaron Cordero, Raquel, Mallory Walker, from MI who was interning here, and Yilber, our youth leader. Thank God, in our church we did not have any deaths.

As the wave passed, the doors of “Arraigados” were never closed and the gospel continued its march. It is important to share that in Nagarote people do not have as much access to the internet to hold online meetings as in other countries. For us our great priority is that the gospel does not stop. As Paul said, “for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!” 2 Tim 2:9.

What abides:

- Honduras Dream: in August Aarón, Yilber, and Milo traveled to Honduras to dream of a church that preaches God’s grace. They found two key places to continue to invest in and pursue.
- Maynor, Mercedes, Rebeca, and Valeska have concluded a time of preparation to serve in ministry that took place in Costa Rica for three months. We are excited to see what God will bring to the ministry

through them!

- Like every semester, we did a leadership retreat to plan the services in the different ministries, as a way of keeping all of us in the same mind and with the same vision.
- We have many outreach activities: ministry of men and women, married couples and outreach at the municipal garbage dump where we take food every week, prepared by the church.
- We are about to finish another semester at the Bible Institute with four new students and three classes.
- We continue with our discipling, Milo with six men and Raquel with six women. We meet once a week to study the Bible in a personal way.
- We continue to make our time with God and His Word, prayer, and obedience a priority.
- The construction projects continue. We finished remodeling the sports court, which was done with a donation from Rush Creek Bible



Youth ministry



NY team dump activity



NAGAROTE



Mallory



Bible Institute



Remodeling

Church. Aarón concluded the construction of the water well that will serve to supply the entire property, and the dream to have a self-sustaining agricultural project. We are about to finish the first floor of the bedrooms. The next phase will include a ceiling, kitchen, bathroom, paint, and windows.

- We had interns serving the Lord here from the United States, and a team came from NY, after the wave of Covid subsided. They returned home safe, healthy, and having fulfilled their goal of worshiping and preaching the name of Jesus.

What we dream for the end of the year:

- Youth camp towards the end of the year.
- Every Christmas we have an outreach activity where we share with the community the true meaning of Christmas.

The fruit we dream of in 2 years:

- The Nagarote church be led by 100% Nicaraguans.
- Nicaraguans begin to go out to serve full time in the ministry, in Nicaragua, and outside of it.

- That a ministry is already starting in Honduras.
- That a ministry is already starting in Carazo, Nicaragua.

In all this, we are grateful that we do not abide alone. We know that there is a large team of brothers and sisters who abide with us, and we want to say THANK YOU! Thank you for joining us for almost eight years of ministry in Nicaragua! Thank you for seeing “Arraigados” born with us and seeing the ministry grow, and almost independent.

You can still be a part of this:

- Pray for us and our spiritual life, and for the leaders and disciples in Nagarote. Pray for Honduras and Carazo. Pray for wisdom, for standing firm and fighting. Pray Ephesians 6:19-20, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, vs 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.
- Pray for our projects in Nicaragua. We are about to start the construction of the chapel for the

church and developing educational projects. We are looking for support to send at least two people to Costa Rica to “Impulso” next year. This could be as an intern for three months, a team for 10 days, or as friends to visit us and encourage the ministry for a week. By coming you learn, we learn, Nicaraguans learn and are encouraged. It’s win-win, and great investment in the eternal.

- Contact us, send us an email, or a message by WhatsApp. That encourages, comforts and connects us again to the family of faith that we miss so much.

All of this can be done through the GMI website: www.gracem.org, by our emails: raquelcordero21@gmail.com miloseravalli@yahoo.es or WhatsApp Raquel (505) 82222728, Milo (505) 76634494.

Finally, we want to tell you that we love you very much. We pray for you, so please send us your prayer requests.

With love,
Milo and Raquel