

# Seravallis in Nicaragua



May 2020

**And they will know that I am the Lord in Nicaragua and in all the earth.**

In the youth group we are studying the book of Exodus. In the midst of the plagues of Egypt, we have noticed how many times God repeats: "...and they will know that I am the Lord." It doesn't say just for Israel, or just for Egypt, but for all nations. Then, we come to the book of Joshua and 40 years have passed. All the nations know the wonders that God did in Egypt and they all recognized that God is God.

I imagine that, on the Egyptian agenda, plans were for prosperity, development, well-being, and richness. But God has spiritual plans—plans for many people to know Him.

I also imagine that your schedule has been greatly changed because of the coronavirus. Ours has been. We were expecting two teams this summer, and two more teams at the end of the year. We are now uncertain. We also had hoped to travel to the United States in September—now these plans are uncertain as well. We wanted to graduate at least two students from the Bible Institute at the end of the year, and now we don't know if this will happen be-

cause in Nicaragua the situation due to the coronavirus causes us to cancel classes for the quarantine. We are trying with all our hearts to reach our goals.

Our primary objective of being here in Nicaragua, and also in the world is for EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT JESUS IS THE LORD. To achieve this, God has the right to change my agenda, to have us follow His schedule, but to always glorify Him with our time.

## How are we doing?

The year started off very well. We had a visit with a team from Wisconsin, who helped us in our ministry and also with our building projects. The church has been full, as were all the ministries. We welcomed Libeth Ortega, GMI's newest missionary, and helped her get established here. We also started teaching four classes at the Grace Bible Institute.

We did a retreat with leaders focusing on the plans for the year and preparing them to assume the ministries on their own. We started discipling 12 individuals— 9 in Nagarote, 3 in cities far away from here.

The Arraigados (Rooted) Church started its programs for children, youth, and adults, and the evangelism ministries on schedule.

With the coronavirus, we found that in Nicaragua the government's position is "do not intervene," which allows the church to manage its own security measures. So, we canceled meetings for a month which forced us to learn to use virtual tools, like everyone else. The problem is that in Nicaragua people do not have as much access to computers, cell phones, or the Internet, especially in small towns. So, we decided to restart meetings with safety measures.

Some good news is that on May 20 Arraigados Church (Rooted) celebrated its third birthday. In the past, we have celebrated with a big evangelism activity. This year we will have a surprise party for the main leaders on Sunday with a little cake. We want to praise God for the last three years. During this time, God provided land, a court, a playground, a pavilion, and a dorm building for the teams. But more than His provision of material things, God has given us disciples, people who are willing to follow Jesus, people who are being trained in a Bible Institute in preparation to teach others, and people who are already serving with us to bring the gospel to Nagarote and the rest of Nicaragua. We are so thankful to God for this ministry that is like a tree



A party at our church



Our church service



Kids' Club



*Missionaries in Nicaragua*



*Online program*



*Team from Wisconsin - January 2020*

planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Because of people, that is, whose delight is in the Word of the Lord, and who meditate on the Bible day and night (my adaptation from Psalm 1:1-3).

#### **The communication plan.**

In the midst of the world crisis, a country in permanent crisis like Nicaragua has not been affected much. We have learned to remain permanently calm and to live day by day knowing the Lord is in control.

So, our plan as a church is to communicate with you. We want to pray for each of your situations, your hearts, what God is teaching you. You have been part of this ministry from the beginning and we want to embrace you in prayer.

We tried to send a letter by mail, but the mail will be closed until the end of the year, so we have started sending emails. If you have not received one, please contact us at [raquelcordero21@gmail.com](mailto:raquelcordero21@gmail.com) and we will add you to our list.

#### **How can you pray for us?**

Thank God, He answered prayer in Luke 10: 2. He sent laborers for His field. Lilibeth Ortega is serving with us now and Matt and April Sykes will arrive soon. We would like you to thank God with us, and also ask that we can serve as a team in worship of Him.

Our greatest prayer is for Nicaraguan leaders willing to fully assume the leader-

ship of the church. Pray for hearts passionate about Christ, doing His work, and hearing, obeying, and loving others. We need competent leaders for the work to grow in Nagarote, Nicaragua, and to the ends of the earth.

We also ask that you pray for us to finish what we have started. We need to complete the construction project—several projects are incomplete, including classrooms, an office, and an auditorium. We pray that even if this is delayed, we can see the project finished soon. Then we can start work on opening more churches in Nicaragua or other countries.

Pray also for our family, marriage, and our relationship with God that we may give glory to God in every area of our lives and not just in ministry. Pray that we will persist

and remain firm to the end in integrity and passion.

#### **You are part of our team:**

We want to know you and have you know us. You can see up-to-date photos of the ministry and the people you are investing in and praying for. God is using you in Nicaragua. You can search for us on Facebook as: Milo Raquel Seravalli Cordero. You can also search for the church: Arraigados. You can learn more about us on Grace Ministries International's website: [gracem.org/emiliano-raquel-seravalli/](http://gracem.org/emiliano-raquel-seravalli/).

We are praying for you and we love you very much.

#### **Milo and Raquel Seravalli**



*Leaders' retreat*