



THE TUTTLES

Serving with **GRACE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**
in NICARAGUA

January 2026 Update



Dear Friends,

There is so much to be thankful for as we serve the Lord in a church planting and discipleship ministry here in Nicaragua, and we are especially thankful for your prayers and support. All that we do here is dependent on God working behind the scenes in people's lives. What we plan is not as important as what God is planning to do in the lives of the people around us. We know God is working in the hearts and lives of many people and families here in the town of Santa Teresa. Some have hardened their hearts, while others search for truth and desire God. We pray that more will search for truth in Christ!

Most of the kids who come to our Saturday children's program have parents who do not attend a church. We typically think it is the parents who have a burden to share and represent Christ in their homes who send their kids to participate in church programs, but we find it is the opposite here. Here, many of the kids who participate in the Saturday program are the ones who have this burden to shine the light of Christ in their homes through their testimony, obedience, and presence of Christ in their lives.

However, many of the kids in the community do not yet understand the gospel because of the works-based salvation teaching they have received up until now. We feel a special burden to show these kids the path forward through teaching them that salvation is by grace, through faith, apart from anything they can do to earn or deserve it. This is something they are not used to hearing and seeing in their lives. Our prayer and desire is that these kids do not follow the path that many of their parents have taken; abandoning their kids to be cared for by their grandparents while they sit in the streets, drunk and gambling their family's income away every weekend.

There are also good parents in the community, but they often become invisible against the backdrop of the widespread and very visible sin going on in the streets. In much of the world, sin is less visible as it is neatly tucked away inside homes or occurring secretly online. Here on the streets of Santa Teresa, it is very visible and accepted, acting like a magnet even for people who have good intentions. It seems the core of the issue is an incomplete and flawed understanding of the holiness of God and the seriousness of sin. After we leave our life here on earth and face eternity, there will be two groups of people: those who have had their relationship restored with God and worship Him, and those who have opposed God. There is no in between.



Sunday Service



Kids' Program



**Gingerbread House Making
with the Youth Group**



**Our Bubbling Emma Turned
Three!**

Jonathan has been working hard to prepare for his licensing as a pastor through the Grace Gospel Fellowship (GGF) and is thankful for the online Pastoral Training Program that is preparing him for his written and oral exams. Going through this training has been helpful and has led to a renewed excitement for Jonathan to teach on the topics they have been reviewing in class. It has opened his eyes to the many basic doctrines that need to be taught to help people clearly see what the Christian life is all about. When people understand and are impacted by the work of the Holy Spirit in their own minds, transformation occurs. This class has repeatedly refreshed his walk with Christ and painted a path of truth going forward.

Another exciting development is the “Boys Brigade” youth discipleship group that Jonathan started. It includes a focused one-on-one time reading God’s word, discovering God’s purpose in our lives, and learning new skills. Jonathan is thankful for Humberto (with whom he has been studying one-on-one) for helping with this program. So far, they have done a woodworking/ painting project, and are now doing an electronics project. The vision for this group of kids is for them to know Christ, feel a sense of purpose, live with discipline, and learn skills for their future. Please pray for the kids that come, including Marcelo, Caleth, Jan, Kelvin, Jair, Jose, and Alan, that God would do a powerful work in their hearts.

It has been a very active six months since we wrote our last prayer letter. In July, we were able to spend some time with a ministry team from Eastport Bible Church as they came to help with the KidsGames ministry in Nagarote. We were also able to have a marriage retreat in October with couples from our church in Santa Teresa. In November, we participated in a retreat in Costa Rica with the rest of our GMI Nicaragua team and the GMI team from Panama for a time of collaboration, learning, and reflection. In December, we participated in the annual youth camp that Arraigados Church in Nagarote organizes each year, joining our Nagarote-based GMI teammates Aaron and Adela Cordero, along with Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli from Santa Teresa. We are so thankful that ten of our youth from the Santa Teresa church also attended the camp.

Please continue praying for us and with us for all the ministries here in Santa Teresa, in the Carazo Region of Nicaragua. Thank you for being a part of Christ’s work in Nicaragua!

Please join us in praying for:

- Our residency paperwork for Nicaragua to be completed and approved
- A suitable house to become available in Santa Teresa that is closer to the church and the neighborhood where we do ministry
- An expanding group of Christ followers in Santa Teresa.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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Youth Group



Monthly Men's Meeting



Marriage Retreat Group



GMI Central America Gathering



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