



Hello from Jonathan, Brenda, and baby Emma Jean Tuttle!

We are excited to share with you that we were recently approved by the Board of Directors of Grace Ministries International (GMI) as missionaries to the country of Nicaragua! We are looking forward to joining our GMI team members already serving in Nicaragua and want to share with you what God has been doing in our lives to prepare us to serve Him there.

SEEDS OF FAITH

We love to share our testimonies of how Christ came into our lives. Jonathan grew up in Eastport, NY (on Long Island) and was saved at a young age. He heard the gospel shared many times by family and in church, but he first realized his sinful nature as a result of stealing a Matchbox toy car that didn't belong to him. At the age of 5, he accepted Christ as Savior. Jonathan's desire to serve cross-culturally began while attending Grace Bible College (now Grace Christian University) through the influence of a group of guys who grew up in families that served as missionaries. After taking several overseas ministry trips, he knew it was the direction in which God was leading him.

Brenda is originally from Veracruz, Mexico, and came to faith during her college years through the invitation of a friend to attend church. Brenda's faith became real when she recognized the hopelessness of the life that she had without Christ. After going on a retreat focused on missions while in Mexico, she began to think of serving Him cross-culturally.

PLANTING SEEDS

We met in 2015 when Brenda began attending-

Eastport Bible Church while working as an Au Pair for a local family. On our first date, we shared pictures and talked about this tugging of our hearts to reach and share with people who don't yet know or understand the Gospel. In 2016, we were able to take a mission trip together to Nagarote, Nicaragua with a team from Eastport Bible Church.



We were married in Mexico in 2017 with a strong desire to serve God full-time wherever He leads. Because Brenda was not able to legally re-enter the US until our marriage visa was approved, for the next two years we searched for ways to serve outside the US. We spent a summer month in Nagarote, Nicaragua learning from and helping GMI missionaries, Milo and Raquel Seravalli. Other areas of experience included short-term mission trips within Mexico to indigenous communities and attending a three-month discipleship training course in Costa Rica through Son-Life Ministries.

Once we were both able to be in the US, we settled in Eastport and served at Eastport Bible Church in the kids and youth programs, small groups, home visitation, and discipleship ministry.



A NEW REGION

In the Summer of 2023, we traveled to Nagarote, Nicaragua to seek God's leading. After much prayer, and because Brenda is now a US citizen and able to travel freely, we believe it is the right time to join Grace Ministries International serving alongside Milo and Raquel Seravalli as they plant a church in the region of Carazo, south of the capital of Managua.



Our goals are to create new connections and disciple youth and adults as we begin the process of forming a new church. We would like to reach the community through kids' programs, after-school tutoring, youth activities, and developing relationships within the community. We are thankful that we both speak fluent Spanish and can immediately share the good news of God's grace creating opportunities for people to respond to the gospel and grow in their faith.



Serving together in Nagarote, Nicaragua (above) and at Eastport Bible Church (Below)



PLOWING THE GROUND

We ask that you pray for us as we prepare to serve in Nicaragua and as God continues to arrange the details for our departure. Our goal is to be in Nicaragua by the summer of 2024. Please pray for the ongoing ministry in the city of Nagarote, and also pray for us and the Seravallis as we transition into a new church planting ministry in the Carazo region of Nicaragua. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the people by "plowing the ground" and preparing the soil of their hearts before we arrive.

We look forward to sharing more with you over the next few months and we value your prayers and encouragement. Please consider partnering with us by investing in God's work in Nagarote and Carazo through your prayers and financial gifts.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."
Ephesians 3:20-21

In Christ,

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