

The Randalls

Managua, Nicaragua

“The Harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38



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Hola from Nicaragua!

Bible School: Several months ago a young Christian approached me asking for help to attend Bible school. Seeing the great need not only for him, but others as well, I prayed for direction and felt God leading me to start a Bible class. Now in our 4th week, it has really been a blessing. One of the requirements is to read God's Word from Genesis to Revelation. In our last class, one of the students shared that since he has started reading through the Bible he is beginning to have a better understanding of God and His ways. It is a joy to see their hunger and excitement for God's Word.

An Adventure in the Life of a Missionary: (by Kevin)

A few weeks ago, we faced the dilemma of our visas getting ready to expire. As we do not yet have our resident visas, it was necessary for us to leave the country. It was just the girls and I as Mark's visa expires on a different date and he was busy working with a team. The bus was already crowded when we arrived at the station and there was only standing room left for the three hour journey. Right away two women moved over and made room for Anna. Leah and I, along with many others hung onto the overhead rail as the bus took off. The buses are known for their wild driving, so if you don't hang on tight, you'll easily land on someone. About fifteen minutes into our trip, one of the attendants on the bus brought Leah a bucket to sit on. He set it on the floor and spread his handkerchief over the top. She thanked him and sat down. Then the attendant came several times and talked to a young man sitting nearby. Leah overheard the attendant offer him five dollars if he would give his seat up so that I could sit down. He wouldn't do it at first, but finally did. I felt really bad to take his seat, but I couldn't refuse after the attendant had gone to so much trouble. The young man didn't suffer too much, though, as he went to the back of the bus and spread out on top of all the bags piled up. When we arrived at the Costa Rican border, we got off the bus and got in line to exit Nicaragua. We waited 1 hour and 15 minutes to get our visas stamped, then walked about a half mile across the border and got in the line to enter Costa Rica, another hour and fifteen minutes. Legally, we were supposed to stay in Costa Rica for 3 days before reentering Nicaragua, but we took our chances and got right back in line to exit Costa Rica. I breathed a prayer as I handed the officer our passports that had just been stamped in the entrance line and let out a sigh of relief when he stamped them again. We walked the half mile across the border and again got in line to reenter Nicaragua. What a relief it was when it was all over and we were safely home by 8:30 the same night. I thank God for all the people he put in our path that helped us that day. God truly went before us and prepared the way!



Trip to the States: I will be attending the Mission's conference in Pensacola during April. My desire is to see as many of you guys as possible. I would love to talk with you. I can be reached at my mom's house, 850-433-3359 or through Globe, 850-453-3453. Looking forward to seeing you or talking to you by phone.

We love and appreciate each of you! Thanks for standing with us through your prayers, support, and friendship. We are greatly blessed!!!

Mark, Kevin, Sarah, Leah, Anna

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