

Daring to Dream

March 2008

Dear Family and Friends,

There is something very special and unique about “Going Back,” returning to the same people that you have come to know and love. My heart was full of anticipation, knowing that I would soon be walking the streets of El Empalme de Boaco sharing the Love of Jesus with the youth and adults of this small, seemingly forgotten area of Nicaragua.

Our adventure started in the airport as we stood puzzled at how an airline could “lose” half of our team’s online tickets. Passports were lost a few times and we had a bumpy ride through customs. But in it all, God was there. Our journey into the country reminded me of a song by Scott Krippayne that says “Sometimes He calms the storm and other times He calms His child.” Amidst different trials

that arose, there was a peace and calmness in our hearts, and a joy that is impossible to put into writing. God brought us safely to Nicaragua and placed in each of us the assurance that we were indeed exactly where He has had asked us to be.

“Do you remember me?” a young 14 year old girl asked me. “I never forgot,” was my response as I wrapped her in my arms and thanked God for the opportunity to be back so soon. Many more children had the same question. As I played in the sweltering heat and sat under a canopy of stars each night, I was reminded that God remembers each one of us and not one of us are forgotten by Him. To me the biggest blessing was being able to be there and to remind the people of El Empalme de Boaco that they have not been forgotten and that God has a plan for each one of their lives. I find it absolutely amazing that God would use me as a (physical) reminder of His love to His children. There is no greater joy then to walk in obedience and go where He leads.



There were 11 people serving on our team. (7 on the medical team and 4 on the V.B.S. / Children’s team.) 512 patients were seen and approximately 2,000 prescriptions filled. Over 150 children were loved unconditionally and heard the gospel.)



It was a joy to be able to work with the Children’s ministry team. We ran two V.B.S’s—one in morning and another one after lunch. Each team member had extraordinary gifts and talents to offer and it was a blessing to work and pray alongside each one of the ladies and to lead the children with them.

Writing about this trip does not do it justice. Maybe a book would come a little closer but it probably would still come up short. *If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact me. I would love to talk to you personally about what God is doing in this country and around the world.* Thank you so much for your prayers and support for us while we were away. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I seek to walk in obedience to my Lord and Savior in whatever is ahead.



Prayer Requests

- That the funds would be provided by September ‘08 to build the pastor and his family in Elpalme a house.
- For the leaders of the church—that they would be able to care for and love the people of El Empalme de Boaco well; that they would not grow weary in doing good.
- For the upcoming trip in September 2008. (Funding and Team Members)

With Joy,

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