



Prayer Points:

- Praise for our kids and resources that help them grow!
- Praise that Levi (son of friend) is nearly cured of his tuberculosis.
- Praise for our financial situation. Our December target/challenge was met. Thank you!
- Pray for Eddy, that he continue to love God and his neighbor.
- Pray for Nereyda, the IMPACT Club coordinator as she interacts with many complicated stories like Eddy's. Give her kind words and wisdom.

Eddy!

We have partnered with the Nehemiah Center to implement IMPACT Clubs since 2013. These clubs offer youth the opportunity to strengthen their character, grow in fellowship, better understand spiritual values, and learn skills that allow them to make active contributions to solve problems and reach the dreams of the community.

I thought you might enjoy the testimony of Eddy, an IMPACT Club member:

- How was your life before becoming involved with IMPACT clubs?

My life was empty and meaningless. My parents had no authority over me and I was very rebellious. I consumed drugs and alcohol and smoked all the time. All this made me forget where I came from. My father and mother were both alcoholics. At home there was only fighting and screaming and these became too much for me.

- How did you become involved in IMPACT Clubs?

Nereyda [IMPACT Club Coordinator] lived close to my house, and she invited me to her IMPACT club. I went and afterwards I liked it. She sent me on a spiritual retreat. That is where I found and accepted Christ. I was a member of her first club, and now I am also part of her second club.

- What most impressed you about IMPACT clubs?

I felt peace. I could have good clean fun.

- What changes have you seen in your life?

I have learned to respect my parents and to obey them. I have continued with my studies. I no longer consume drugs and alcohol. I have learned to trust in God.



Our Ministry

It is our privilege to explore and implement with Nicaraguans what it means to have Christ as Lord over all of their lives. We do this primarily with the Nehemiah Center as together we serve and learn in western Nicaragua.

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Next Steps:

I have recently accepted the position of Regional Director for Central America with CRWM. This means I get to coordinate some really great work that God is doing in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. While it is not without some fear and trepidation, it also is exciting. God is doing some pretty amazing stuff with some pretty amazing people. I get to come alongside them and help them do what they do a bit better. While it is a new position that is still unfolding, it appears a



Nathan, Elise & Alia did a "Run or Dye" color run at their school!

large chunk of my job is helping to ensure that these people have the necessary resources to do what God is calling them to do, that they are communicating well with the people they serve, and that they are communicating in a way that is mutually beneficial for learning and support across the region.

I will continue to keep my "feet wet" in Nicaragua with the more direct work I have been doing alongside the Nehemiah Center and other partner organizations we support here. I am thankful for this opportunity to remain rooted in Nicaragua, but serve regionally.

We plan to be back in the US and Canada in May, June and July. Our schedule is still very much being developed, but shoot us an email so we can connect with you.

NEEDED: Van/SUV to borrow, buy or rent during this time. If you know of an option let me know immediately. Thanks!

Thanks – Steve, Kim, Alia, Nathan, Elise, Esme

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