

Introducing your National Nicaraguan Adopted Pastor, *Rosario Acuña Cruz*

Birthday: July 28, 1955

Spouse's Name: Gloria

Spouse's Birthday: November 12, 1966

Name of Church: Church of the Nazarene

City of: Reparto Villa Progreso

Municipality: Masatepe

Department: Masaya

Children: 4 adult children and 1 living at home



Adopt
a Pastor

Comments: From 13 years of age to 22, I was entangled in the world's vices of drinking, smoking, going to parties and dances. I wanted to get out so I went to a witchdoctor who gave me a prescription for a medicine that was very hard to take and for 5 days I was almost dead. He said to me that this was the only thing he had to help me to get rid of these addictions and there was no guarantee that it would work. Then he said that if I really wanted help, only God could help me. Those words stuck with me until I started looking for a church and there accepted Christ in August of 1976. Two months after this, I had to flee the country because of the war, so I went to Honduras and wanted to attend a Bible Seminary there but they wouldn't accept me because I didn't have an education. I had taught myself to read and write by copying letters from the pages of the Bible. They agreed to allow me to take an entry test and God helped me pass it with the highest grade. I studied at the school for 7 years and pastored in Honduras for 9 years before returning to Nicaragua, where I have pastored a number of churches and helped others when they have gone through times of conflict.