



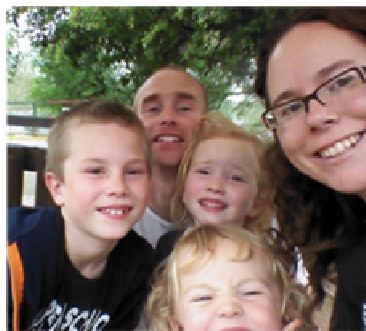
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The War is ON

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands . . . And He's told us to move His hands from our bended knees.



For 12 years, the Casa Hogar Oasis de los Niños has been a refuge for children at risk in the Mexico state of Nuevo Leon. They've seen life at its worst and have the scars - emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual to prove it. Yet, God has placed this need on Mario and Blanca's hearts - to maintain a place of safety and security for them at a great cost to their own retirement years. Our teams have served there every year except one since its beginnings and we've seen a lot of kids come and go through its gates, and a lot of house parents as well. For the past three years, Phil and Marissa Sprenger and their 3 children, have volunteered 3 to 6 months each winter, living on site at the Casa complex. They've served a number of roles, mostly integrating into

the lives of the kids and staff, teaching them skills in the kitchen, in the shop, and in life in general. They humbly serve, generously share, and furiously love the people there. God has always supplied for their needs and we are thrilled that God has again provided and they will stay on until mid-June.

The attack is on though, and we are asking you to join us in a bold new prayer for the Casa Hogar. We've seen many of the children leave the home because of age, schooling, or other circumstances, and turn to a life of testing out the ways of the world. It's very difficult to watch and we won't let it go on unchecked. We have a tool in our arsenal that we have not been wielding very well, but we're going to change that. Please join us in this bold prayer.

Lord God, this place is to be a place to bring children out of danger and into safety, out of darkness and into the light, out of bondage and into freedom, out of brokenness into wholeness. We are boldly coming before you to ask You for this to be the heritage of the Casa Hogar Oasis de los Niños. We ask You to accomplish these purposes in the life of each child who passes through the gates. We are begging You to make this a place of rescue, of salvation, of restoration, and of reconciliation. Make this be a home where children encounter You and by the power of Your Spirit, they are renewed and made whole, and when they leave this place, we ask You to make them mighty warriors and bold messengers of the message of reconciliation to the world in need. Father, we are not asking for small things. We want You to do amazing things for them, in them, and through them. Raise up staff who will be called to serve there and see their work as a mission from Your heart. You are the REDEEMER and we declare You to be the One who redeems their lives from the pit and crowns them with love and compassion. All this for Your glory and in the Name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.

Prayer for Nicaraguan Ministries

Lord of the Nations, You have done a work in Nicaragua and have planted Your church there. Though there is great poverty in many areas, Your Word is being preached. We pray for the pastors who serve You sacrificially and suffer from want. Provide for them and their children. Help them to see You faithfully answering their cries for help. Your church is to be a light to the darkness at home and abroad. There are many young Nicaraguans who love You and can take Your message to unreached peoples of the world.

They just need to be trained and sent. There are resources in the country that can be tapped to provide a means of living for Your people. They just need to be discovered. Your Spirit is not limited to our country or our churches. Forgive us where we have arrogantly thought it was. Move in Nicaragua and accomplish Your Kingdom purposes and we offer ourselves and our resources for those purposes. Help us to connect the right people to each other so that greater things can be accomplished for your Kingdom and your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen

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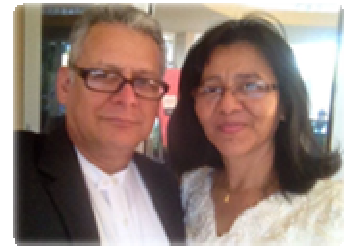
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Crossing cultures to build the Kingdom

Growth and Growing Pains

With growth comes challenges and opportunities. As the various ministries of RBW expand, so does the work load, and as the work load expands, so do the piles of unfinished work on my desk. We've been blessed in the past with two wonderful part-time office assistants whose lives outside of RBW have changed leaving them with much less time for us. We have prayed together with them and have asked one to join us full-time. She is in the process of raising support and we ask for your prayers as we work with the logistics of hiring / office sharing / space / and everything else that goes along with this move toward growth. God always supplies for what He calls us to and we wait with great expectation for His provision for this situation.

Mario Espinoza and his wife Sandra will be coming from Nicaragua to stay with us for about 2 weeks later this month. We look forward to times of prayer and planning for the continued ministry connections in that country, and for opportunities to share his work with as many people as possible. Mario is not only a pastor of a growing church and group of churches, but the administrator of a large Pre-K through 7th grade private school, and the president of the National Association of Evangelical Pastors of Nicaragua. In that role, he serves as a pastor to the pastors, arranges for pastoral training, emergency assistance, and coordination of God's work throughout Nicaragua. Pray with us that we will see the open doors to share this vital ministry, to hear His plans for the future, and to strategize together for the greater glory of God and the expansion of His Kingdom.



Prayer, ORACIÓN, Prière, Gebet, Tefilah

It doesn't really matter what language it is in, "prayer" is our communication line to the only One who has the power and authority and will to accomplish those things that we cannot.

In reading through the Nicaraguan pastors' letters to their sponsors, we see many things that we wish we could do something about—the loneliness of being widowed and trying to raise their children without their father, -the problem of hosting the church in their home which brings daily company and the irritation of their neighbors, -the child who is far from the Lord, -the jealousy of

parishioners, -the brokenness of hidden grief, -the financial burdens, -regrets of past decisions. The list goes on and on.

We also hear the stories of the struggles of working with the kids at the Casa Hogar and the issues that come up there with staffing and finances, etc. There are marriage tensions, deep wounds that manifest in wounding behavior, political pressures, health concerns. The needs are seemingly endless.

But we have the Good News—our God is the One of Endless Supply. His hand is not shortened, nor is His ear deaf. He asked Abraham and Sarah, and He asked Jeremiah,

"Is there anything too hard for Me?" That's a rhetorical question! **"Of course not!"** He answers.

As you go through your days and your struggles, we stand with you in prayer and we hope you stand with us in prayer. We are talking to the Great I AM and He has promised to accomplish His will and His purposes in us and through us.

Pray through the lists mentioned before—each of those needs is a reality. Pray with God's will in mind—what does He want to accomplish? Pray with thanksgiving—He has the perfect answer in the perfect time! And He is GOOD! All the time!