

RBW Missions

Isaiah 58

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Repair

Rebuild

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RECONNECT RETREAT

After 13 years of being connected with the Casa Hogar in Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico, there have been a whole bunch of kids whom we (RBW staff and team members) have grown to love and miss as they've left the Casa for various reasons. Unfortunately, the majority of them are struggling with adult life in the real world. God has put it in our hearts to bring them back together for some reconnection - with each other, with us, but mostly, with the God who has loved them with an everlasting love. From June 30 - July 2 at a camp site outside of Monterrey, we're going to reconnect. At this point, we don't know how many kids will be coming, but every week we're getting more text messages from various ones. We're asking the Lord for 20-25 to come. We're going to be a smaller team going this time-focusing on serving, loving, praying, listening, connecting. If you were a part of a team in the 2004-2012 time frame, maybe you'd like to be part of this.



How great it would be to have pictures or memories from those of you who have gone before. We also need bedding for 30 twin beds, towels, hygiene bags, Spanish Bibles, Spanish Christian books, games. We're covering the costs for all the kids coming so maybe you'd like to help with the finances for food or transportation. Mostly, we need people to be praying for this time. Pray for God's Spirit to do a work of healing, cleansing, connecting, transforming. This could be the start of something big and we can't wait to see what God's going to do.

NICARAGUA NEWS

It's exciting to inform you on what is going on in Nicaragua this year. Let's start with the newest news. **Farmland!** The land has been purchased for the church/school in Nandaime, Nicaragua. We're co-op-ing with them on this test plot, with the goal of the school becoming self-sufficient with crops to supply the school food program, and extra to sell for teacher salaries. As the Lord leads with this test plot, we hope to help other pastors in the same way throughout Nicaragua.

This is the year for the **Biannual Pastor's Retreat** in Nicaragua. We've had a few pastors graduate from the program and new ones are waiting for partners. Already, the Prairie Bible Women's Group has made gift welcome bags for each attendee, and we are adding an eye-glass clinic to our agenda. **IF YOU HAVE PRESCRIPTION EYE-WEAR THAT YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE, SEND IT TO US AND WE'LL GET IT TO OUR VOLUNTEER OPTICIAN FOR SORTING.**

School connections - The **Nandaime "Blessing of God" School** has grown to 430+ students and is looking to add 10th grade next year. We're initiating a co-op program with Christian schools here - like Community Christian School in Willmar - to share resources and students. The first team is setting up for January 2018.





Two of the **“Blessings of God”** students entering for classes with Bible in hand.



Pastor Paula Espinol - recently widowed, but carrying on the ministry of her husband. Waiting to be adopted.



Pastor Mario Espinoza with Church Family clearing the land for planting.



Steve Masseth, administrator at CCS, and **Rhonda Holien**, Spanish teacher, admire the “guineo” on the Nandaime church/school land.



Pastor Esteban and Josefa. Waiting to be adopted.



Brent Smith and daughter, Ellie, with pastor Mario on their scoping out trip for the farmland. What does a Montana farmer see in a Nicaraguan plantain field? A whole lot of possibility for the advancement of God’s Kingdom thru the blessing of innovative farming!



Kids currently at the Casa Hogar in Sabinas Hidalgo. Health issues are taking a toll on Mario and Blanca Hernandez. Pray for God’s healing and provision for them and for successors to take on the ministry at the Casa. **The kids are waiting!**

Woo Hoo! The Cavalry are Coming! We have taken the big step of faith by hiring a full-time office administrator / girl Friday. Lisa Grove has been **very** part-time for a few years, but on June 1, she will bring her passion for missions, her many years of experience in behind-the-scenes ministry administration, and her creative, fun personality into the home office full-time. Welcome, Lisa. We’re so relieved and excited to have you co-laboring with us.

