

It's Time to Share the Joy!

Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a joyous time of year with family & friends, lots of food, fun and laughter. It can also be a difficult time of year when life isn't going so well. Your heart may ache for holidays past, when life seemed more simple and you didn't have a care in the world. But, thank the Lord we have Him. That is why we celebrate Christmas. We want to share His love with those who are hurting any time during the year, but maybe a little bit more during Christmas time.

We at RBW Missions, would like to invite you to join us in the good works that God has prepared in advance for us to do. Pictured below are six ways you can be a blessing this holiday season! We hope you join us in *“the ministry of this service {that} is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.”* (2 Cor 9:12)

- * Contribute to the Blessing of God Farm Initiative for fencing, seeds, irrigation and labor costs **(Any amount)**
- * Sponsor a pastor & his wife for the bi-annual Pastor's Retreat and Conference event **(\$150)**
- * Sponsor a student in Nandaime, Nicaragua with a one time gift to start off the school year in January **(\$50)**
- * Sponsor a teacher or staff person at the Blessing of God School **(\$160 / month or any portion thereof)**
- * Sponsor a student at the Blessing of God School with monthly tuition **(\$30 / month)**
- * Support the ministry of RBW in general to keep lights on, staff paid, and coffee flowing 😊 **(Any amount)**



Blessing of God Farm Initiative



Adopt a Pastor Retreat 2018



Fill a Backpack and give a student a uniform and school supplies for 1 year!



A Teacher's Salary for a month



Sponsor a Student



If you are interested in donating to any of the six ministry opportunities above, please visit our website where you can use PayPal. You may also send a check to the address listed below (please note what ministries you are sponsoring).

Recovery Road:

We are so thankful for the incredible recovery Enrique is making following an ischemic stroke on September 25. Unable to speak, walk, or move his right side that awful 3:00 AM morning to now talking (a lot), walking, going up and down steps, and even getting back to work (on a modified level) within a month and a half, that's a testimony to God's grace, healing and Enrique's determination to do the necessary therapies. God has granted us a new life experience in which we can pray and act with more understanding and empathy. We thank you for your prayers as we continue to journey to full recovery. Pray for complete healing of the injured area in the brain, for the strength and coordination to continue to improve on the right side, for increased balance and stability, and for minor cognitive twists to be straightened out.

AAP Retreat in Nicaragua:

It's still on, just delayed a bit due to the stroke event. We are now planning on March 5-9, 2018 for our "Comforted, That We Might Comfort Others" gathering. We'll be sharing more on the plans for this in the next prayer update but if you'd like a copy of the video from the 2015 Retreat, please just let us know and we'll get one off to you in the mail or go to our website, rbwmissions.com / [Adopt A Pastor](#) / [2015 retreat video](#).

Carol's Musings:

In the months of July, August and September, we realized that we had spent down RBW's financial reserves on mission trips that didn't generate any of their own income but we believed to be important for the future of the ministry. As we prayed about what to do, we heard "Wait upon Me," as our direction. We spent much time praying and waiting. Enrique would often say, "I could go out and raise the money for the retreat, but He keeps saying - wait." We weren't sure what all the "waiting" was about until the early morning hours of September 25 when Enrique lost the ability to speak and move as the result of a brain stem ischemic stroke. On October 16, Gabe and I left him at the hospital and went home for a good night's sleep, but sleep was distant. The unknown was pressing in. What was our future? Would Enrique be able to work with the ministry any more? Had God given us the vision of the missionary training farm in Nicaragua for nothing? He had connected us with quality people of like mind to work with in future outreaches. What about them? As I cried out to the Lord for direction, I promised Him that we would obey no matter what He asked us for - from closing down the ministry to pushing forward, or anything in between. As I opened my Bible, these words from Isaiah 54 greeted my tear-filled eyes,

² "Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;
do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes.

³ For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,
and your offspring will possess the nations
and will people the desolate cities." (ESV)



Then, His still small voice exclaimed, "This is not the time for retreat, my daughter." What a comfort to hear His direction. So, we're going to move forward. Enrique is very diligent on getting everything back possible. We're planning a trip to Nicaragua the end of December to set up things with the farm and the school there. We don't know how God is going to accomplish it all, but if He can lead a million plus slaves out of Egypt laden down with the riches of their oppressors, He can get a farm and a pastoral / missionary training center going in Nicaragua. We're just thrilled to get to be in on it. And we're convinced that He has prepared some of you to be partners in the endeavor. It's bigger than any of us alone, but with God, all things are possible.

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