

# RBW Missions

Isaiah 58

Repair

Rebuild

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Restore

Christmas Greetings,

How we love this time of year with the snow days, the lights, and the carols. We love the true reason for our celebration yet mourn the commercialism that robs so many of the simple beauty of Christ's first coming - His gift of being with us. We greet you with this message of hope and pray that your home and ours will be filled with enthralling joy - so the world will notice and desire to know.

Blessings,

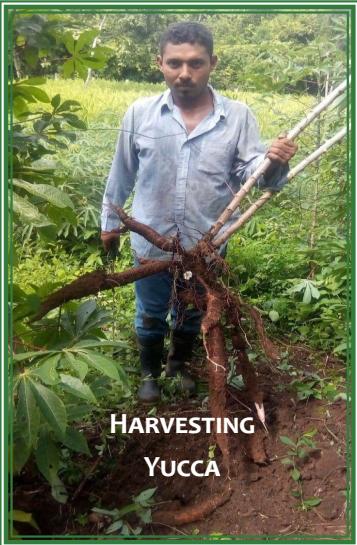
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## VISIONARY TRAVELS TO COLUMBIA

By the time you read this, we will be on the way to Colombia, South America, or already there (if the Lord so wills it). Our team of 8 will be visiting four potential team sites for future partnership, including two churches with outreaches, a seminary / missionary training school and the first generation church of an indigenous people group (the Guahibo, pronounced Gwa-he-bow). We're looking forward with great anticipation to this new location on the path of connecting believers across cultural lines in order to advance the Kingdom more effectively through evangelism, encouragement and equipping. Be looking for updates on the trip on our website and Facebook.



## NICARAGUA'S FUTURE



How very reassuring to know that our God works in places where governments may not welcome Him but people sense their need for Him. The situation in Nicaragua remains stable but with an undercurrent of tragedy. Our friend who recently returned from 3 weeks there meeting with pastors and holding training meetings told us that he witnessed a greater unity between the pastors of various denominations and an intensified drive to meet for fellowship, encouragement and cooperation for the Gospel. The economic situation is worse with nearly half a million more people without work. Many are struggling with fear and the need for trauma counseling. We are hoping to travel there for an appraisal of needs and the potential for returning with teams in 2019 to cooperate with local believers to meet those needs.

The Blessing of God farm has had really good crops of corn, yucca and beans but one planting of pipianes, like a zucchini, failed because of a virus.

## SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER:

With everyone being in the Christmas spirit and remembering the Biblical adage - “It’s more blessed to give than to receive,” we’d love to give you some sweet options for being blessed.

**Blessing of God School Sponsorships and Back Packs for 2019 School Year** - Sponsor a student for \$30 a month or get them a stuffed backpack for the year for \$50.

**Adopt-A-Pastor** - We have 7 pastors waiting to be sponsored at \$25, \$50, or \$75 a month.

**Special Benevolence for Nicaragua** - \$50 Christmas gift parcels including food and hygiene items for pastoral families hit especially hard with medical needs, death, or greater financial need.



**Bekas (Scholarships) for PK's** - helps pastors' kids with their college education. As we have funds, we help with half of tuition or lodging or transportation as long as they keep their grades up and help with a church. \***David** (left with wife, Anielka) is looking to start seminary, \$50-\$100 a month sponsorship. \***Frank**, right, is a 2nd year medical student and needs a sponsor for \$50 a month.



## The Power of One Prayer: Needs for Nicaragua and Beyond



**Pastor M. P.** had his left leg amputated for an infection that wouldn't heal. He can't get to his church because of the extremely treacherous pathway and the lack of facilities at the church. Pray for God's resolution - he so desires to serve his flock.

**Pastor I.V.'s** wife had a stroke in September and the facial paralysis requires injections that they can't afford. The tape is to hold the paralyzed side in place (picture at left).

**Pastor L.N.'s** wife has been dealing with overall body pain for a long time.

**Pastor M.R.** has had unexplained pains in his legs that cause difficulty walking. His wife has had eye issues. His son was in an accident with his rented moto-taxi and the owner wants him to pay for the damages but he couldn't work due to injuries.

**Pastor J.C.C.** has a hernia that must be repaired but he's fearful after having spent nearly a year recuperating from a perforated bowel. His niece was accosted and broke her hand trying to get away.

There are many more needs - please go to our website [rbwmissions.com](http://rbwmissions.com) and to the Prayer Page where an updated page will give you more requests.



*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”*  
Luke 2:11 (ESV)

*With love for Jesus and you, Enrique and Carol Acosta, Managers of RBW Missions*

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