

Repair

Rebuild

Restore

## PERSEVERANCE, PEACE AND HOPE

Our journey through life can be really crazy. We usually don't get to know what the Master Planner has in store for us tomorrow. Sometimes He gives us a big picture dream, but rarely does He let us see the mountains and valleys that are on the way to the end fulfillment. We have to live by the same faith and hope that Abraham and Moses had that got them the names of "friends of God."



**THE NICARAGUA BLESSING OF GOD FARM INITIATIVE**, with its agricultural, technical, theological, and missional training center, is one such dream. We can see the farm and the school - in the distance - but there sure is a mountain range between us and that beautiful, Kingdom-advancing spot. Political unrest, though much more subtle lately than in in months of May, June and July, remains. It's a tough time for Nicaragua and it could be frustrating for us if we didn't have a crazy sense of peace that this is just a "pause" time and an opportunity for God's refining preparation to be done in us, in Nicaragua, and in the dream. We take comfort from Moses' story. He had to face the hardened heart of Pharaoh, not once, but 10 times, and then 40 years in the wilderness before he got to see the Promised Land from a distance. There isn't a ruler on earth who can stand against the will of God. Pharaoh couldn't, Nero couldn't, and neither can a little man in the middle of Central America.

There were things for Moses and the Israelites to learn during the journey. Here are some things we're learning in ours.

- 1) Preparation has many forms. Classroom learning couples with life experiences to give us what we need for the tests ahead.
- 2) There are fears and faults in us that need to be dealt with before we can be most effective.
- 3) We need a bigger team to do this with us. We're researching and meeting with people of various skills and passions and gifts, praying for God to bring the right team together.
- 4) The Lord has a strategy, and He's willing to share that strategy with us as we listen and covenant to obey. There is a strategy for the BoG Farm Initiative and He is revealing that step by step.
- 5) Be still and wait. There are battles that the Lord will fight for us.
- 6) Be alert prepared. There are battles that He has left for us to fight in His strength.
- 7) Get over idolizing George Mueller and his fund-raising standard of never asking anyone for money. There are too many Scriptural examples of God's people making the needs known and asking - sometimes quite forcefully, for the people to dig deep and invest with their time, talent, influence, AND finances, for God's work to get done.
- 8) Each day brings opportunities to live as ambassadors for the Kingdom and we need to be very intent on hearing the voice of the Spirit so that we don't get carried away on doing very good things for the Kingdom, but neglecting the very best thing that He has called us specifically to do.

**SO, PRAYING AS WE MOVE FORWARD**, here are some things to pray about with us and maybe, invest in.

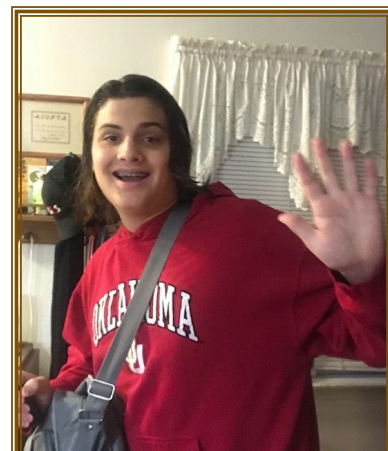
- Planning a visionary, educational and service missions trip, to Colombia December 10-17 (give or take a day), we're preparing for future trips to work in partnership with national churches and ministries reaching their communities with love in word and action. There is also the possibility of traveling to the Vichada department of eastern Colombia to visit the work among the Guahibo indigenous people group. Meeting with the first generation Christ followers and seeing how the work of the Gospel has impacted their culture and language will help us with the vision and realization of preparing national missionaries to go to unreached people groups around the world.
- Assisting with further education for co-workers in Nicaragua. There are some strategic servants who are able to study yet, but with tighter finances, they've been held back. We have our "Bekas (scholarships) 4 PK's" fund that is almost empty as we've invested in the university education of pastor's kids who desire to use their education to further the Kingdom's work. Your gifts will keep them moving forward.
- Staff salaries and general operating costs. We're thankful for the gifts given for Nicaraguan benevolence and the Adopt-A-Pastor funds, etc., and we are thrilled to be channels of those blessings. However, the ability to do this work requires modest salaries for our small staff, office supplies and equipment, electricity, etc. Your investment is essential to continue the work.

*From our hearts to yours, with blessings and great expectation for the future,*

Enrique and Carol Acosta



**Calvary Community Church, St Cloud MN  
Night of Prayer for Nicaragua  
August 5, 2018**



**Gabriel's first day of 9th  
grade at Willmar Sr. High  
September 4, 2018**



**RBW Annual Board of Directors Meeting,  
August 18, 2018**

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:3-7 (ESV)*

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