



NICARAGUA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COLEGIO CRISTIANO EN NICARAGUA

First Fund Raising Dinner

Our first annual fund-raising dinner was held September 30, 2017, on the campus of Jackson Christian School in Jackson, Tennessee. \$6630 was raised for Nicaragua Christian School that night, and nine people agreed to sponsor students. David McCrary gave an inspiring speech about the school and the wonderful environment it provides for the students. God has truly blessed this work!



2017 GRADUATION

David and Brenda McCrary have just returned from their trip to Leon for our 2017 graduation. The event was a beautiful success and has everyone looking forward to our first High School Graduation in December, 2018. The following are some pictures taken at graduation.



ONE OF THE BEST MISSION TRIPS EVER

My family and I were able to visit Nicaragua from July 24-29. Having been to 17 countries on many mission campaigns, I can honestly say, "This was one of the best mission trips I've ever participated in."

On Monday, I conducted a well attended church leaders' workshop while my wife, Dana, and my daughter, Lena, worked with some of the children. Each day Dana and Lena loved doing various crafts with the classes for small children.

On Tuesday morning, the three of us were blessed to visit every class in the school. As we walked into each class, the students immediately stood, sang a song and welcomed us by giving each of us a hug. Receiving 500 hugs in one day was an overwhelming emotional experience! On Tuesday evening, we were blessed to worship with the church that meets at the school in a worship service that was enthusiastic and the fellowship warm. After the service a number of people wanted to have a small group Bible study on the topic of miracles. What a blessing to be around people who want to study God's word more deeply!

On Wednesday morning Dana and I met with the 9th-10th grade boys and girls separately for about two hours to discuss sexual purity. Afterwards, I conducted a drug and substance abuse session for the same combined age group. Later that afternoon, Lena and I along with the church leaders knocked doors, had Bible studies and visited members who needed encouragement. That evening some of the young people came to the apartment and helped Lena finish over 140 balloons that they tied into animal figures and gave to the children.

On Thursday, Dana and I spoke to 7th and 8th grade boys and girls separately. Afterwards, I presented the same drug and substance abuse session for this age group as well. That afternoon, we had lunch with all the teachers and Dana conducted a learning workshop for the teachers. She had prepared gift bags for each teacher complete with materials to implement new learning strategies within their classrooms. The teachers were very attentive, receptive and thankful for Dana's presentations and gifts. That evening, over 300 parents attended a parent/teacher night. It was such a blessing to speak to them about how to encourage your children to learn and grow both mentally and spiritually. While I spoke, Dana did face painting for kids for over two solid hours. The kids could not wait to show you their faces!

As Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few," is certainly true of Nicaragua. There is so much good to be done, and so few to do it. For those who might be reading this newsletter, I would encourage you to work with David McCrary to plan a trip to this wonderful school and serve the children and adults who are a part of it. I promise you that you will experience some of the greatest days of your life serving these humble people. I know that my family and I were blessed beyond measure.

Paul Helton

SPONSORS NEEDED

Our number of unsponsored students has been reduced to 13! For \$40 per month or \$480 per year, you can provide an outstanding education for a child like one of these who, without your help, might not have the chance to go to school.



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If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to sponsor a child or towards the building fund, please contact us or visit us on the web at www.nicaraguachristian.org.



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