



# NICARAGUA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COLEGIO CRISTIANO EN NICARAGUA

**From Brenda McCrary**

Nicaragua Christian School conducted its inaugural high school graduation on December 1, 2018, with 39 students in the class. College was the destination of 35 of these students who are studying Architecture, etc., or studying to be teachers, nurses or business owners. All of these students passed college entrance exams and are progressing in their field of study even though they came from abject poverty. We are proud that Nicaragua Christian School's college entrance exam rate far exceeds other schools.



On November 29, 2019, 32 students graduated from high school, and 14 of them have met the requirements for receiving a college scholarship of \$125.00 per month or \$1500.00 per year. Nicaragua Christian School guidelines for receiving a college scholarship were drafted by a team of



teachers in Nicaragua and three of the Board of Directors in the United States. One requirement for each scholarship is need due to poverty. Last year, 23 students met these requirements. Several of the scholarships have more than one contributor. If you would like to fund or help support a deserving student, please contact David McCrary at 731-668-5751.



**From James and Kim Bracken**

As we turned on the road leading to Nicaragua Christian School, we felt a sense of familiarity and excitement. We lived on the campus of Nicaragua Christian School in 2011 and 2012, and during our time living there, we quickly fell in love with the students and the school. We typically spend the week of Thanksgiving in Nicaragua each year; however we did not make the trip last year due to political unrest. Two years is too long to be away from a place where half your heart is. During this trip, we were able to attend the church that meets at the school, attend a retreat with the

graduating class, watch the school in their annual Christmas parade, host a Thanksgiving meal for local American missionaries, attend three graduation ceremonies, and reconnect with many of the friends we made while living in Nicaragua. Every moment of being in Nicaragua was a blessing, but the two events that impacted us the most were the retreat and the graduation ceremonies.

On Monday morning at 5:30am, we boarded a bus with the graduating class, the director of the school, and several teachers. We drove about an hour away from the school to a beautiful retreat center, where we spent the day worshipping, eating, playing, and relaxing. Our favorite part of the retreat was when each student shared what Nicaragua Christian School means to them. It was touching to hear each student talk about their friends, teachers, and time at the school. One student, Christopher, talked about his mom passing away from cancer early this year and how his classmates have helped him get through this difficult time. Many of the students talked about how they are like family to each other. This was evident in their interactions with each other and their teachers.

On Friday morning, the kindergarten class and 6<sup>th</sup> graders graduated. In the evening, the 11<sup>th</sup> graders graduated. The graduations beautifully incorporated ceremony and symbolism. Students were escorted by their parents; flags of the country, church, and school were presented to the upcoming classes, oaths were made, and diplomas were distributed. When Christopher walked down the aisle carrying his young sister, the crowd cheered. You could feel the love and support the school and students showered upon him, and it was difficult to hold back the tears.

We could go on and on about Nicaragua Christian School, but could never adequately explain how special this place is. You need to experience it for yourself. To us, it's a little piece of heaven on earth.



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