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OOPS!

In the last newsletter I made a faux pas with someone's name. I hate that when it happens, especially when you're trying to give credit where credit is due. Anyway, the young lady from Troy University who helped raise funds for Victor's high school education is DANI Biggio- not debi. My apologies to Dani. You can blame me if you tried to find her on Facebook and couldn't. Try again and this time use Dani Biggio. And, Meaghan Biggio ran the marathon as a fund raiser.

Words from Toney

Where do I begin to share with you all that God has done here in Nica land? First, all glory goes to God!

Back in 2007, two poor, non Spanish speaking, gringos showed up in out of the way virtually unknown Padre Ramos, Nicaragua. Neither having a clue of what to do, but knowing full well the only reason for being there was because God said "this is where I want you".

Fast forward 5 years. So many great things have happened and continue to happen. So many things it would be hard to list them all. But, I would like to tell you about a couple of upcoming "happenings" that I hope you find a blessing.

June 2-9th we are having a men's week at the Rancho. Yes, all men. As of now we have 15 guys coming down for a week of adventure and ministry. As part of our planned activities, we will be studying the "Wild at Heart" book. It is a must for men. I can't wait to see what comes out of this week!

Deb will be joining me as of June 10th. She will be escorting a group. We will be busy the rest of the summer with 6 more groups. During this time of relationship building, we will also be building houses, classrooms, a library, school and church. Second best to seeing people here reached with the gospel, is seeing a lasting benefit that helps improve their lives.

Comparing where we started to where we are now has to be the greatest thing that has happened here in Nicaragua. We started with 5 teens in Bible study, now we have 25. We started with 15 in Church, now we have 150. Over 90 children now attend Christian Pre-K. Children's church has grown to over 80!

As most of you know, Deb and I have to come back to the states every three months. All that goes on in Nicaragua continues during our absence, because God has built all of it around the locals- not us! Amen! There are godly men and women there who work as "fellow laborers".

Please pray for the ministry and all that is happening there. Please!

Pray for Deb and I, as we listen to God's direction and share His Love and Grace with everyone we come into contact with.

Last of all, why don't you come down and spend a week with us? You don't know, till you go!

Have you ever thought about taking your family on a mission trip? Think no more! It can happen. We have planned a family oriented mission trip for September this year. Come and bring the whole family for a time you will not soon forget. In fact you'll be talking about it for a long time afterward. Contact us with any questions and concerns.

We love all of you and thank you in advance for all your prayers!

Love in Him,
Toney and Debbie

Shelby's Updates

I hope to soon have something to share in the newsletter that will come from Rosa. If you will recall, she is the young lady who translates, teaches English classes, and works in the Children's church. She is a delightfully intelligent young woman with a faith as strong as any I've seen from someone of her years. I still get tickled when I think of the night I listened in as she and John Raulins were talking in the cook house. In the middle of John explaining something to her, she tilts her head to one side and says "That is biblical". I laughed out loud, as it seemed to me she was saying "well silly you, it's in the Word". I quickly explained myself else either of them might have been offended. I couldn't help but be amazed to think that a young woman in Central America knows God and enough of His Word to stand on equal ground with John. I guess it was one of those "you had to be there" moments to fully understand. But if you'd take Toney up on his invitation, then you could have your own moment. Which brings me to this idea- what about some of you who visited Padre Ramos sharing with everyone what you experienced while there? Write it up and email it to me. I may add another feature to the newsletter, if there's enough response.

Recommended Prayer List:

Especially today as we celebrate Memorial Day, please pray for our military and their families

Health and wellbeing for Toney and Debbie, John, and Rosa (local young lady)
Raina and her family; her terminal illness
Rosa's sister, Esther; recovery from problems with delivery, she and baby are home now
Teen Bible studies, five nights a week
Children's church
English classes for children
Effectiveness of short term mission groups
The Work in Chinandega- churches, pastors, local outreach
Upkeep and physical operation of the camp facility
Maintenance on the Truck, harsh roads and weather wreak havoc on vehicles
Housing and support for John in Chinandega
Permanent resident status for John, long application process, five (5) year status if done



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