

Jody Kennedy International

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Los Olivos (the Olives) Baptist Church Filled to Overflowing - The Gospel message continues to save in Nicaragua Las Maderas, Nicaragua

What do olives, wood, mountains and heat have in common? Not much unless you are at Los Olivos (the olives) Baptist Church, in Las Maderas (the woods), at the mountains in the heat of a Nicaraguan summer.

This small town to the northeast of Managua is in the foothills of the prominent mountain ranges of northern Nicaragua. While this was by far the smallest town to host us in Nicaragua, the Practically Speaking English events still brought sufficient crowds of children, teenagers and adults into the church.

More than 160 children attended the children's 5-day English program. They learned some basic English words and phrases, sang songs in English, heard exciting stories from the Bible and listened intently as our partner, Pastor Josue presented the gospel. Pastor Josue observed that most of the children in the daily crowd were not churched.

About 180 teens and adults enrolled in the adult Practically Speaking English programs. Twice a day, for 6 days the students gathered at the church for the 2 1/2 hour class sessions. Through the week, Pastor Josue and the church leaders became more and more excited as they saw the unchurched develop relationships with their teachers and with the church. Somewhat a repeat of what took place just a month before in San Rafael del Sur, in the history of the church, there had never been so many non-Christians in attendance at any event. When the course was completed, 68 of those in the adult program indicated a "Yes" to Jesus Christ.



Coming in Future Editions

- Report on Canaan and El Crucero
- Spotlight on Volunteer Partners

Pastor Armando is recovering at home after emergency surgery in April. We are working to reschedule the event that was planned for early June at Hermon Baptist Church in Managua. Thank you for helping us meet some of their financial need during this time.

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Photos from Las Maderas are available. [Click here.](#)

Little Martin, son of our partner Pastor Martin Paiz, just turned 3 years old. After much prayer and many medical tests we now know he has asthma as well as an inability to produce certain vitamins. No life threatening condition was found. With special vitamin treatments and ongoing care he has already begun to grow and play like any normal 3 year old. Thank you for

The team and our Nica partners. (Jody, Cassie, Lee, Trisha, Robert, Eric, Jill, Thomas, Juan, Alberto, Oscar and Harry)

The closing event, Sunday Celebration, saw a standing room only crowd in the church as students, their families and friends, and other guests filled the sanctuary to sing, hear special musical presentations and hear the gospel once more.

Pastor Josue's follow-up team is already at work contacting each student and beginning the process of discipleship for those who said "yes", and beginning the process of relationship with all the others.

In addition to the events held at the church, the some of the team used the morning hours to present the Practically Speaking Children's English program at the local primary school. The 150+ children (some of whom also attended the church event in the afternoon) and all the teachers enjoyed learning some English, singing and hearing the gospel of Christ.

Two of our group spent the mornings at the local high school giving the English classes there our special brand of English teaching.

The Jody Kennedy International volunteer team consisted of 6 from Hulen Street Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, 1 from Bryan, Texas and 1 from St. Andrews Baptist Church of Panama City, Florida.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to join Jody and Trisha as a volunteer teacher or teacher's assistant. Check our project schedule or contact us immediately to find out how you can be part of this thrilling mission which sees hundreds come to Christ each year.

Don't Ignore the Opportunities Volunteers are key to executing God's plan.

Please Prayerfully Consider These Opportunities!

Now is the time to take action for the Kingdom and stretch yourself out of your comfort zone. Take a vacation with a purpose that will change your life and have eternal impact on the lives of others.

We need commitments right away for each of the following missions. There is a place for you as a teacher, assistant teacher, music leader, musician, children's worker or helper.

Click on the dates below to view the details of each trip.

[October 18-24](#) - Childcare and VBS for our IMB missionary families of Central and Eastern Europe. The conference center in Holzhausen, Germany is a great place for a family to minister to other families.

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January 2-16 - Practically Speaking English at one of our favorite partner churches in Managua, Libertad Baptist Church.

January 23-29, 2010 -Back to Holzhausen, Germany to minister to the IMB families of Western Europe with childcare and VBS.

About Jody Kennedy International

Jody Kennedy International* is the ministry of Jody and Trisha Kennedy who have given themselves to serving Christ through full-time Christian service. In partnership with churches in the U.S., Eastern Europe, and Latin America, the ministry motivates and mobilizes Christians to get out of their comfort zones to take the gospel of Christ across the street and around the world.

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