

Jody Kennedy International

Finally a Summer Report

We finished the summer Nicaragua ministries in mid-July with our partner Hebron Baptist Church in Managua. Since then, we have been almost overwhelmed with work in Texas, rebuilding in New Orleans, celebrating with the Diamond J Youth Ranch, spending a little time (too little) with grandkids, shoe-horning in a week of rest (yes - a real, short vacation), ministry in Germany, a couple of missions fairs, a wedding in Mississippi and preparing for another season with Operation Christmas Child.

Being back in Nicaragua this week reminded me that I have yet to report on the amazing results of our mission at Hebron Baptist Church. Read on.

Hebron, An Old Partner - A New Look

July 4-13, 2009

Managua, Nicaragua

The new sanctuary is beautiful and able to seat almost 1000. While the building is new and wonderful, we found our old partner, Hebron Baptist Church, and Pastor Arturo had the same fervor for reaching their community for Christ. Our mixed team consisted of men and women from East Side Baptist Church in Fort Smith, AR, Hulen Street Baptist in Fort Worth, TX, Crossroads Church in Grand Prairie, TX, First Baptist Church of Gunter, TX, St. Andrews Baptist Church in Panama City, FL and Garden City Church in Garden City, KS.

For the children, the addition of puppets to our Practically Speaking Children's English has ramped up the already high energy level of the event. Through Spanish language songs and even a puppet presentation of the gospel in Spanish, we hold the children's attention while sharing the important messages of Christ. Following that with the human touch, our team presents a Bible message through story telling and the pastor's presentation of a children's message shows them that Christ is real and they can know him.



The children react wildly when the puppets appear, but they listen and join in the songs, then pay rapt attention when the puppets share the gospel.

Young teens have a much shorter attention span than the older teens and adults. This year we introduced the Practically Speaking Teen English (a slightly shortened version of the adult program) to draw in the 13-15 year olds. A very fulfilling session of teenagers brought many

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-Reports on the rest of the summer ministries
-Reports on upcoming opportunities

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PRAY for the many new ministry opportunities that were presented to us in Nicaragua during the first week of November.

Give today toward the task of carrying the gospel to the lost world.

smiling and excited teens into the course. Most were very motivated to learn English and responded with joy to our team.

The two adult sessions gave us the opportunity to reach the slightly older crowd, aged 16 to 60. They are a special delight to us since many of them are beginner students and have experienced such difficult lives. It is so fulfilling to give them our love and see them respond. Even better when they receive the joy of Christ.

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(See Matthew 7:1-5) 10-12-2009

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AND NOW I CAN FINALLY TELL YOU THAT YOU
HAVE A SPECK IN YOURS THAT'S BEEN
DRIVING ME NUTS!

An Opportunity for You **Volunteers are key to executing God's plan.**

Please Prayerfully Consider This Opportunity!

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 the upcoming ministry at Libertad Baptist Church in Managua, Nicaragua. There is a place for you as a teacher, assistant teacher, music leader, musician, children's worker or helper.

Click on the date below to view the details of the trip.

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



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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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