

2011 REVIEW



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2011 Points of Interest

- 12 team events (11 international, 1 domestic)
- First medical team
- A car for Nicaragua
- A house to call our Nica home
- Our dear friend, Benjamin, went home to the Lord
- New Nica partner churches

New Partner Churches

We welcomed as new partner churches in 2011

- Iglesia Bautista Betania (Bethany Baptist Church) in Ciudad Sandino,
- Iglesia Nuevo Horizonte (New Horizon Church) in Masatepe

In 2012 we have already added:

- Segunda Iglesia Bautista Libertad (Second Liberty Baptist Church) in Managua
- Tercera Iglesia Bautista Libertad (Third Liberty Baptist Church) in Managua
- Iglesia Bautista de la Puerta Abierta (Open Door Baptist Church) in Esteli

In 2012 we hope to add the **University of Central America** in Managua to our list of non-church venues. We continue to work with the Polytechnic University (UPOLI) and University of Managua (U de M). These are extremely important opportunities to reach the university age men and women as well as the faculties of these institutions. Pray with us about establishing a Christian center or new church on or near these campuses.



2011-”EVERYTHING IS THE SAME, ONLY DIFFERENT”

One of the joys of teaching English is to see our friends express a sense of humor in English. Our dear friend and ministry partner Josué found the title expression funny. So funny, in fact, that he used it every chance he got.

Oddly enough, this strange and oxymoronic expression was true of 2011. While most of our ministry experience was much like past years, there were many new and different episodes in 2011.

We praise the Lord and give Christ all the glory for all He has allowed us to accomplish in 2011. In that year alone, almost 1,000 adults said “yes” to Christ during our Practically Speaking English events in Nicaragua and Russia.

Photo: Jennifer (left), from Fort Smith, AR, formed dozens of relationships during our Practically Speaking English course in Managua, Nicaragua. These relationships allow us to boldly proclaim the gospel to our new friends.



BENJAMIN QUANT FINISHED HIS RACE

MARCH 13, 2011



Our beloved Benjamin Quant (we called him Ben) was an amazing and inspiring servant of God. We first met Ben in 2005, our first year to work in Nicaragua. Ben quickly became our favorite translator and a great friend. Many wonderful things come to mind when we think about Ben. I'll mention only some here.

First, he was a voracious evangelist. He shared the gospel with almost everyone he shared space with for more than a few minutes. It was not unusual for us to catch a local taxi together and the taxi driver had previously been won to the Lord by Ben.

Second, he had a contagious sense of humor. When we had time to relax together he was always ready with a joke or he could lovingly poke fun at us “gringos”.

Third, he loved to discuss the Bible. He had an enormous amount of Bible knowledge and plenty of opinions.

Lastly, he loved his family. He

was especially proud of his sons (both pastors) and his grandson Isaac.

We have missed him so much this year, yet our Lord assures us that Ben is in heaven, right where he wants to be.

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12 (NASB)

MEDICAL TEAM AND EVANGELISM

By the time our medical team left Masatepe, Nicaragua (Iglesia Nuevo Horizonte) after a week of hard work in May 2011, there were 40+ new Christians who accepted Christ while at our rural clinic. Fifteen Nuevo Horizonte members spent the week with us welcoming patients, walking with them through the process and sharing Christ with them in an individual and personal way. About 310 patients of all ages passed through our care and almost 1000 prescriptions were issued from our pharmacy.

In addition to the clinic, we provided love to the children and presented three great Christian movies during our three movie nights for the community. After each movie, Pastor Martin brought a very short message and we saw some come to Christ after the movies. The follow-up will continue as the church tries to reconnect with each of the 310 patients and their families.

We have two churches waiting for medical teams in Nicaragua



Dr. Gibson gently examines one of the local children.

in 2012. **We need doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other medical professionals.**

ONE TEAM MEMBER'S REACTION TO HER TRIP

Dear Jody & Trisha,

What pure joy it was to serve alongside you in Nicaragua! I was abundantly blessed to be part of such a well-led and organized mission trip. I am so thankful that the Lord orchestrated this particular trip and that I was a part of his plan.

It was incredible to see how God weaved his power through the lives of our team

and the people we were ministering to in Nicaragua. I quickly noticed the effectiveness of our work and how teaching English opened the door to share our stories of hope and the love of Christ with the lost. I was overwhelmed by the joy of hearing that many of our students accepted Christ that week! Sometimes I struggle with truly grasping God's power, but HE gave me the gift of experiencing his power first

hand in Nicaragua.

...I can't wait to return to the field with you, hopefully sooner than later. I was so humbled and encouraged by your servant hearts, wisdom, and patience. Thank you for pouring out your lives for the lost people in Nicaragua and other places in the world. What a joy to count you as friends.

Stephanie G.

2012 OUTLOOK

We have already completed our first evangelism event in 2012. Once again, we have a full calendar with 10 or more events planned in Nicaragua and elsewhere.

Each year we are able to reach about 2000 adults and 2000 children with the gospel. In the time the Lord allows us to continue our work, we hope to reach that many and more.

This year a new partner will join us. He is perhaps the most expert church planter that we know. We have

worked with him for years in Eastern Europe and Russia. We will see what more God allows us to do in Nicaragua by planting new churches.

This year we are adding paid staff to our work in Nicaragua. As we identify Nicaraguan Christians who are called to full-time service, we want to be able to pay them a monthly stipend to assist us in expanding our work there.

This year we hope to add "micro-events" in support of our partner churches. These will be evangelistic out-

reaches to the communities. For example: pastor training, family and marriage seminars, discipleship seminars and evangelism training.

2012 Financial Needs

- a new video projector
- rent on the Nica house
- Nicaragua staff
- pastor assistance
- discipleship material
- church planting
- fuel (\$6/gallon) in Nicaragua
- volunteer scholarships

Did you know, our teams worked in the mission field for the equivalent of 773 man-days during 2011.

Jody Kennedy International
Evangelism Events in 2011

11 international teams

- 1 medical team (Nicaragua)
- 8 Practically Speaking English teams (Nicaragua)
- 2 Practically Speaking English teams (Russia)

1 domestic team with Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte, NC.

Living and Driving in Nicaragua

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have purchased a used car to use in Nicaragua. While driving can be quite an adventure, the car has already allowed us to get around more freely and meet our contacts where they are.

We have rented a house that gives us a Nicaragua headquarters. It affords us a place to store and organize our mission materials, a place to house small teams and a place to rest and recover between the team evangelism events. It also will allow us to minister more personally to our pastor friends and their communities.

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