



A New Year and New Possibilities for the Nicaragua Covenant

The new year marks the 32nd year of service in mission in Nicaragua, and the work of the Nicaragua Covenant (NC) continues. On the horizon in 2018 we look forward to supporting schools, feeding programs, clean water & sanitation projects while hosting at least eight mission teams from various locations in North America.

2018 promises to be a year of transition for the Nicaragua Covenant. The first of these changes is the sad news that the organization was unable to obtain the grants and funding needed to keep the Amanecer Mobile Health Clinic (AMHC) operating in 2018. The idling of the clinic has left the 46,000 impoverished Nicaraguans served by the clinic without access to health care. On a positive note, the NC will continue to supply our trained brigadistas (community health workers) with materials and support that will enable them to continue as first responders in their vulnerable communities. The NC Board, and staff in Nicaragua, continue to explore new ideas and partnerships to find ways to heal the sick in communities without access to health care.

The NC asks that your donations this year be targeted toward supporting Christian education, clean water & sanitation, and general operating expenses. For example, the NC has been helping the Camino Emmaus School for many years by providing food for their lunch program, volunteer teams performing work projects, and a monthly stipend for student scholarships. With declining donations this year, we are now faced with cutting back scholarship money. Our goal is to provide the school with \$400 a month for student

scholarships. At the time of this writing, we are only half way to reaching that goal. Your donation can allow us to keep this amazing little school in a poor neighborhood in Managua thriving.

Finally, the NC is currently engaged in discussions with the Methodist Church of Nicaragua about sharing the Quinta Amanecer (QA) mission house property. Transforming QA into the headquarters for the Methodist Church of Nicaragua will allow the NC to meaningfully contribute to the growth of the Methodist church in Nicaragua. If this vision becomes a reality, the QA mission house will provide the Nicaraguan Methodists access to a quality facility for conducting their day-to-day business, hosting VIM teams, and holding conferences and pastoral training. The proposed arrangement will allow the NC to continue to work from QA, and mission teams will continue to be hosted in a shared hosting calendar arrangement. By increasing the number of teams hosted, the mission house can become a revenue-generating operation that will help sustain mission programs for both organizations. Discussions continue and prayers for an outcome that best serves the work of God in Nicaragua are requested.

May God bless you on your journey in the new year,

Dan Dolan

Executive Director

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