

**Lascassas Baptist
Church**

Memo

To: Kevin Minchey, Concord Baptist Association
From: Kenneth Summey
cc: Kenneth Summey, Trip Leader
Date: August 11, 2015
Re: Nicaragua Mission Trip Report

Twelve members of Lascassas Baptist Church (six men and six women) traveled to El Rama, Nicaragua June 21-28, 2015 to participate in a return mission trip to expand the ministry work began in 2014. The church fully supported this endeavor by helping with funding, donating 225 Spanish New Testaments, sewing 230 dresses for school-age girls, and in providing caps, backpacks, school supplies, and teachers' materials for us to transport and distribute to the people with whom we interacted.

This year's work, once again organized and coordinated by WOTC Ministries, was expanded to include the river ministry (our primary focus) and a community ministry in and near the city of El Rama. Our efforts included evangelism, benevolence, interaction with the children and adults in the river villages, and food distribution. The El Rama team, working in conjunction with Pastor Onel Cordoba and his church, Bethel Baptist, conducted a three-day VBS at the church, involving some 100 + children from the surrounding neighborhood. Also, this team assisted in construction of a chicken coop at the home of a local pastor outside of El Rama. This project, funded by LBC, was designed to provide this pastor with an income-producing business to enhance his ability to serve the church he pastors there in that area.

Pastor Kenneth and I also met with Pastor Cordoba and his wife to discuss the possibility of a continued and expanded ministry in the El Rama area thru cooperative effort between Bethel Baptist and LBC. These possibilities are currently being explored to determine feasibility.

Altogether, this years team members were directly or indirectly involved in sharing the Gospel with over 800. Nicaraguans, including both adults and children. The methodology and results were similar to those reported in our 2014 report. God drew many of these precious souls to Himself and large numbers of the folks we came into contact with indicated their desire to receive Christ as Savior.

Additionally, our river ministry team made contact with two village pastors. One had re-established a small church since we were there last year. This church began with just a few in attendance and now had an attendance of over 50. We were able to speak with him about the physical needs of his church. We were able to have a similar meeting with a pastor of one of the other villages in which we shared. We prayed for him and spoke with him about the physical needs of their church.

On behalf of Lascassas Baptist Church and our 2015 missionary team, I again thank the Concord Association for assisting us in this work. We all had a wonderful experience as we served the Lord there in our "*ends of the earth*". Both our team and LBC have benefitted through this experience. Our prayer is that God has been honored in all that was said and done and that His Kingdom has been advanced – "by His power and for His glory"!

Plans are already being made to return for 2016 - a third summer trip, as well as participation in MedFest Mission that Way of the Cross conducts in January.