

To: Concord Baptist Association
Date: March 21, 2017
Re: Nicaragua Medfest Mission Trip Report*

**This report is for money received in January 2016 for a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana. This trip did not occur due to circumstances in the Church Planter's family. So we kept this money and used for Medfest 2017.*

10 members of Lascassas Baptist Church traveled to Mesaya, Nicaragua January 11-17, 2017 to participate in Medfest through Way of the Cross. This was the second time that LBC has participated in this trip. There were over 100 Americans participating in Medfest this year. The church fully supported this endeavor through her prayers and financing through her unified budget and donations.

Medfest is primarily a medically focused mission experience. The medical clinic consisted of Pediatric dental and primary care; and Adult dental, primary, chiropractic, and vision care. There was also a pharmacy set up for use by the doctors working the clinic. Over 1500 patients were seen in the course of the three-day clinic. Over 5000 prescriptions were filled through the pharmacy. The clinic was set up in a local school in Mesaya. One of our team members worked in the Adult vision area.

While patients were being seen in the clinic other activities and ministries were available on the school grounds. There were many games and crafts available for the children. One of our members participated in the Children's Ministry.

Local pastors and church leaders were given the opportunity to receive training in discipleship and general church ministry each day. I (Pastor Kenneth) was able to teach one of the days we were in Nicaragua. Over 40 pastors and church leaders received training during the clinic days.

One of the most visited ministry areas was bicycle repair. Over 500 bicycles were repaired in the course of three days. Repairs included new tires, chains, seats, and

other adjustments. This is a much-needed ministry as the majority of Nicaraguans in Masaya travel by foot or bicycle.

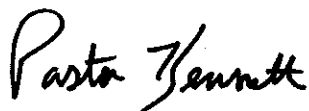
Each day teams would travel by bus to local villages and churches to conduct evangelistic outreach including puppets, music, games, and the presentation of the Gospel. In one area, the people who had heard and received the Gospel message asked the local pastor if he would start having church with them in their area. They had their first service the next Sunday! Seven of our team members participated in these outreaches each day.

There was also a construction team that built a church for a pastor and his congregation. The people on the construction team worked hard every day to give that congregation a place to meet and worship the Lord and we were so blessed to see them using their God-given talents to serve the people of Nicaragua. Two of our members participated in the Construction Project.

The Gospel was shared in all activities during Medfest with over 3500 decisions for Christ recorded. 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.

On behalf of Lascassas Baptist Church and our 2017 Medfest 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 LBC to return to Nicaragua in 2017 - a fourth summer trip, a construction trip in Septembers, as well as participation in MedFest in January 2018.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Kenneth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Kenneth Summey, Pastor