

To: Concord Baptist Association
Date: March 7, 2016
Re: Nicaragua Medfest Mission Trip Report

Four members of Lascassas Baptist Church (one man and three women) traveled to Mesaya, Nicaragua January 14-19, 2016 to participate in Medfest through Way of the Cross. This was the first time that LBC has participated in this trip. There were over 150 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. The clinic was set up in a local school in Mesaya. One of our team members worked in the Adult primary care area. Another team member worked in the pharmacy.

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. Local pastors and church leaders were given the opportunity to receive training in discipleship and general church ministry each day. One of our team members was able to teach two of the days we were in Nicaragua. Over 50 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.

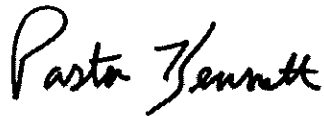
Each day teams would travel by bus to local villages and churches to conduct evangelistic outreach including puppets, music, games, and the presentation of the Gospel. One of our team members participated in these outreaches each day. Two other team members were able to participate one day in the outreach ministry.

The Gospel was shared in all activities during Medfest with over 3000 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 2016 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 2016 - a third summer trip, as well as participation in MedFest in January 2017.

In His Service,



Pastor Kenneth

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