

**Concord Baptist Association
Missions Ministry Assistance Fund
Post Project Report**

(To be filled out and returned to the Association office within 30 days of the completion of the ministry project.)

Name of Participating Church(s) Riverdale Baptist Church

Name of Person Completing this Form Curt Wagoner

Date of Mission Project March 2013

Location of Mission Project Nicaragua

Type of Mission Project Evangelistic

Number of People Participating 5 Number of First Time Missionaries 2

Is this the first time the Church has participated in a mission project of this type? No

Describe the work/ministry that was accomplished by the ministry team.

TEAM ONE

This trip was an initial visit to Rivas/Potosi, Nicaragua to Iglesia Brazos Abiertos . The local cleric, Pastor Celestino Acevedo has a rural congregation of approximately sixty, with fifteen school-aged children. This visit was primarily involved in door-to-door evangelism, and determining what Pastor Celestino felt his major need was, and where a partnership mission could help. He has a desire to re-locate his church closer to the city of Potosi, so that his city congregation could have better access to the church, especially during the rainy season. This probably would encourage growth in size, as well as increase attendance by current members. Our mission team is currently searching for ways to assist in fundraising, etc. in order to bring this to fruition.

There is also a need to improve employment/personal income in the local area, and improvements to basic living conditions should also be evaluated. There is a specific need for existing wells to be improved, and additional wells to be dug. Also, water purification devices should be considered.

During this trip, the team performed door-to-door evangelism, leading several to the Lord, and participated in worship and fellowship with the local congregation. The team visited a local Catholic school, where we entertained and taught the children the story of Noah and the Ark. We also made a donation for books and crayons to the class. The schoolteacher was very impressed and grateful, stating that we were welcome back in the future. Our team also facilitated a baptism, as the local river was dry, and the nearest body of water was several miles away. We arranged a fellowship day at Campo Alegria (where the team was staying) , which is on the shore of Lake Nicaragua, and Pastor Celestino and one of our team members performed the baptism.

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All in all, a good working relationship between the Mission team and Pastor Celestino has been started, and his congregation has welcomed the partnership relationship whole-heartedly. We look forward to continuing this sister church relationship, and building the Kingdom.

TEAM TWO

This was our second visit to Jinotega, Nicaragua, to Iglesia Brazos Abiertos. The local cleric, Pastor Marvin Ramon Ordoñez Lopez has an urban congregation of approximately 30. The town of Jinotega has a population of approximately 110,000 and covers an area of 248 square miles in northern Nicaragua.

Our first visit examined areas where discipleship could be fostered; on this trip, we took a volunteer staff member trained in discipleship programs in Latin America to do further exploration, as well as act as an interpreter/translator. We also had close co-ordination with Highlands Missions (who provided our group housing) and viewed a water purification ministry effort they have in place in Los Lomas del Nance, a small community in northern Nicaragua about an hour from Jinotega.

Several schools and daycare facilities were visited, and the gospel was shared and welcomed by both the children and the teachers. Books were distributed, as well as coloring books and crayons. We also had the opportunity to visit a local orphanage, and spoke with the director, about how our mission effort could include them.

Door-to-door evangelism was conducted several times, using the Evange-Cube to present the Gospel to the local population. Our reception was great, far exceeding our expectations. We also toured a community living in the local dump, evangelizing and delivering food items to the inhabitants.

We are continuing to explore ways in which our partnership with Brazos Abiertos can grow and minister more effectively to the people of Nicaragua, both spiritually and physically. We are researching ways in which we can help these people help themselves through economic development and possible partnerships like Highlands Missions.