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God is Good. All the Time. All the Time. God is Good. We live in a world where trouble, pain and death is all around us. Satan is working hard to break us apart and bring us down. God sent His son to conquer sin and crush the serpent's head. We all were reminded once again over Easter of the importance of our Salvation through Jesus Christ, who came to humble himself to become one of us, to live with us, and finally to die on the cross and rise again in three days.

In the last month: my mother has passed away from cancer, we have been to our first CRCWM Retreat in Nicaragua, and we ended this week with a sickness going through our house that has kept three of us home for a few days. We have been having our ups and downs, but God is guiding us and helping us through it.

My family spent a week in Sioux Falls, SD to mourn the lose of my mother. It was great to reunite with family and friends as they supported us through this difficult time. God has provided us with a tremendous amount of support both in the US and in Nicaragua and we have been very appreciative of that.

The retreat was a great getaway from everything to focus on relaxation and the word of God. We took a deep look at Luke 24:13-35, the Road to Emmaus. What a great time to reflect on these verses the week before Easter. The speaker got us to think about our humility, hospitality, how we react to good news, and what we thought about God opening our eyes to recognize Him. Thank you CRWM for allowing us this opportunity to get away and reflect.

Sickness has slowed us down a little, but God has helped us through it. Please continue to pray for our health, safety, and our ability to serve God to the best of our ability.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our family will continue to adapt, learn Spanish and stay healthy.

God will use us to reach our students that they may know God and make Him their Lord and Savior.

The Nicaragua Christian Academy Family will grow into a community of Grace that shines with God's Love to other Nicaraguans.

Thanksgiving to God for continuing to be present in our lives and giving us opportunities to know and love him more.

Thanksgiving to God for the missionary community that has welcomed us with open arms. Financial support will continue to come in so that we will make our goal.

Praise that are daughter Stacey will be with us next year as a volunteer in the school SOARR program. She loves Nicaragua and wants to take a gap year before she goes to college for education.

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Things have been going really well at school. I have been enjoying getting back into the classroom and making a difference in the student's as I interact with them in the classroom, on the soccer field, on the basketball court, and learning and playing Ultimate Frisbee. This has been a great opportunity for me to engage in my children's lives and to reach out and to get to more more students and adults down here as well. I have been encouraged by the growth of our players, both physically and spiritually as they continue to amaze me with their play and desire to reach out to others on the team and into the community.

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The Lord is definitely in this school as the students continue to grow academically and spiritually. The school is also continuing to improve its grounds as a teacher worker room has been made bigger and updated, a small room has been converted into a Spanish classroom, and the kitchen has been modified and updated. Continue praying for development of the 3 NCA schools in Nicaragua. One of our next developments is going to add a new sports complex, with a swimming pool, at the Nejapa school for the two Managua schools to share.

Plans for Next Year

We, as a family, will return this summer to celebrate our daughter Katie's wedding to Joel Woudstra on July 22. We will be coming in June and leaving the end of July. We would like to reach out to family, friends, and churches while we are back. We would like to share our experience and gratitude to all that have prayed and supported us through this past year. We will start making plans with the churches to schedule time for us to come and share. We just want to let everybody know that God has put us in the right place at the right time and our daughter Stacey will be returning to Nicaragua to volunteer in the SOARR program at school.

We are extremely thankful and awed by God's provision for us since have followed His leading to Nicaragua. We are thankful for the support our mission has received from family, friends and churches. We ask that you might consider supporting our work with a tax-deductible gift to help us reach our 2016-2017 goal. Please become a partner in missions with us and CRWM by going to their website at <http://www.crwm.org/donate>; or call CRWM at (616) 224-0700 or 800-346-0075 to set up a monthly support gift. Please indicate that you are supporting our mission by giving under our name. Thank You!

We have made it financially through the year but have four things coming up financially. There are taxes, retirement, a wedding, and plane tickets. Please prayerfully consider a one time gift to help us reach these goals.

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