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BOARD VISITS A

NEW COUNTRY

NICARAGUA NEWS FLASH

The SON-BEAM Board of Directors was privileged to travel to Nicaragua in February of 2009 and meet with the leadership of eight churches. Each of these churches is associated with the Nehemiah Center in Managua, from whom the leaders have received training in ministry, in leadership, and a biblical world view. The churches we visited were in various stages of construction, ranging from a church which had acquired land, but had not yet started on a building, to others who needed to repair their existing structures.

We as a board were very impressed with the outreach each of these congregations had into their individual communities. Several of them had birthed new congregations. There was also a high sense of personal responsibility. All of the churches had worked to raise funds for their construction projects. Most were also asking their members to bring offerings as well. We have now reviewed all of their applications. In this newsletter you will find a brief description of each of the projects. Many of them will be relatively inexpensive and could probably be funded by a small group, or even an individual. We hope these "snapshots" of each church will touch your hearts as they did ours.

TORRE FUERTE CONGREGATION CHINADEGA, NICARAGUA

The Torre Fuerte Congregation was started 6 years ago and is currently meeting in a rented space. The church has 100 adults and 56 children. They have land and have paid \$6,000 of the \$7,000 purchase price. SON-BEAM will provide the engineering for the design and the funds for the materials. The congregation members will provide the labor. A rough estimate for the cost is \$20,000.



Members of Torre Fuerte Congregation and SON-BEAM International praying over the land.

SANTIDAD A JEHOVA CONGREGATION LEON, NICARAGUA

Three and a half years ago Pastor Romero moved from the city to become the pastor of the congregation which had 12 – 15 members at the time. At first they met in people's homes. The congregation has grown to include 60 adult members and 30-38 children. Their property is 18 meters by 35 meters. The estimated cost to finish this building is \$1,500 to complete the walls and floor and \$6,700 for the roof made with steel support and corrugated, galvanized metal. A well also needs to be dug on the property with an estimated cost of \$600. A generous donor has given the \$8,800 needed to complete the project.



Construction of this facility began in January of 2008. In August they received some assistance from a group of North Americans. Church members have continued building and currently have only 27 blocks left. They are working on raising money and will start building again when they have purchased more blocks.

TO DONATE TO ANY OF THESE PROJECTS, PLEASE MAKE A NOTE ON THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ANY OF THESE CHURCHES, OUR BOARD MEMBERS WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO COME AND SPEAK WITH YOU AND YOUR CHURCH OR ORGANIZATION. LEARN MORE ABOUT US @ www.son-beam international

CRISTO MISIONERA CONGREGATION CHINADEGA, NICARAGUA

This congregation has been in existence for 17 years. Pastor Arauz has been their pastor for 5 years. One year ago the congregation enlarged their building to a current size of 67 feet by 19 feet and 9 inches. The congregation has 58 adult members and 100 children. They also have started two daughter congregations. The \$500 cost of the roof has already been donated. The estimated cost for the floor is \$1030.



Pastor David Arauz
standing in the
doorway of his
church

FILADELFIA CONGREGATION LEON, NICARAGUA

The congregation built their church building ten years ago. The church has 100 adult members and 50 children and youth. They now have a need for classroom space and have no more property, so they added a second floor. They currently have some of their members holding services in their homes with hopes of starting new congregations from these homes. They have sent missionaries to India, Peru, and Ecuador, as well as within Nicaragua. A rough estimate to finish the addition is \$2,500 for the ceiling and \$300 for the block to fill in the gable end. The folding partitions have not been priced.



DE DIOS CENTRAL CONGREGATION CHINANDEGA, NICARAGUA

200 adults and 160 children attend this church on Sunday mornings. They also have Wednesday and Friday meetings in the homes of members where they reach out to the children of the community. The church members work in the community helping people with home repairs. The congregation has enlarged their church building by enclosing an open area and adding a second floor. This congregation desired help with a floor and ceiling for the main floor, and walls and ceiling for the second floor. However, our SBI Board discovered that the joists were undersized, so the first priority will be reinforcing the joists at an estimated cost of \$2,200. The church is shown here with the newly added second floor which will house classrooms and a home for the pastor.



GETSEMANI CONGREGATION LEON, NICARAGUA



250 adult members and 200 children and youth make up this church. The congregation serves its community helping children with food and school supplies, as well as after-school tutoring. Twice a year the church pays to bring in a doctor and a dentist to provide

check ups and medication for the children of the community. Members of the congregation visit local hospitals and jails. The counseling of couples is an ongoing ministry. The church was started 40 years ago with 8-10 members and has since birthed 5 congregations. The congregation has recently made an addition to their building. To finish it, they need to complete a wall and a false ceiling to help disperse the heat from the roof. The estimated cost for the wall is \$1,390 and the ceiling is \$3,000.

RESURRECCION Y VIDA CONGREGATION CHINADEGA, NICARAGUA

Average Sunday attendance is 80-100 adults in this church with a membership of 120. They serve a total of 165 children. This includes children on the two additional campuses the congregation has started in the community. They have a 40 x 75 foot building which has only a dirt floor. They would like a cement floor. They estimate that the cement cost will be \$1,430, plus the cost of renting a cement mixer.



CENTRO DE FE Y VIDA NUEVA CONGREGATION MANAGUA, NICARAGUA



Pastor Daniel Boniche showing us the ceiling material

This church has 350 active members. A school is held in the church building five days a week. Currently there are 250 students in the school and 50 more that may be coming soon. About 40% of the students are from the church and 60% from the community. The church also provides tutoring after school. There are three men from the congregation who are in the beginning stages of starting new congregations. The building needs roof repairs and false ceiling for the sanctuary and computer lab at an anticipated cost of \$4,412 for the ceiling in just the sanctuary and \$2,200 for the classroom. The roof repair cost is \$1,100.