



## Matthew 4:18-22

“... Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.  
Immediately they left their nets and followed Him .....”

Greetings family and friends,

To begin I must inform you of some very big news that I forgot to mention in the previous letter. In April, I received my residency here in Nicaragua that is good for one year. When it expires then I simply need to renew it. On top of that Deby also got her US visa approved. We literally got both her visa and my residency approved on the very same day. Praising God for his provision and grace in obtaining these two very important documents. So now with a US visa I suppose it is time for a visit! Deby and I will be traveling home to Minnesota November 14<sup>th</sup> and will be there until December 8<sup>th</sup>. During our time we will have an open house style celebration of our marriage. This will take place the Saturday after thanksgiving. closer to the date we will communicate about the time of the celebration.

In the month of May we had two discipleship training schools come to do part of their outreach with us. The two teams were from Morelia, Mexico and Diriamba, Nicaragua. A couple things we did during this time was work alongside and share with the people at the rock quarry and also give Bible teachings and spend time with the children at the orphanage.





Recently God has given Deby and I the opportunity to invest in the lives of two young people in Bluefields. Deby has been meeting with a young girl named Jahkeisha who is 13. This girl has a huge heart and desire to know God but not many good strong influencers in her life to encourage her to take steps of faith and growth. Please pray for Jahkeisha and that she would be captured by the person of Jesus and be grounded in Him and the truth of God. That this would cause growth and maturity in her that will flow into the rest of her life.

I have recently started to meet with a young man named Brais who is 17. He is one of the high school students that we have been teaching. He wrote us one day asking how he can be a part of youth with a mission because he feels lead to do missions and wants to help other youth. The first day he came over, he talked with Rene and while talking with him told Rene he is not a Christian. At first I was a little shocked and wondered how is it possible that someone who is not a Christian would desire to be a missionary. Then I remembered when Jesus approached the fishermen and asked them to follow him. I believe that God is doing something very similar with Brais. I am excited to be meeting with him one on one and be a part of his process of knowing Jesus and what it is to follow Him.

**Deby and I are looking forward to the upcoming conference and want to extend our thanks to all who gave generously of themselves. We have received what we are needing to be able and participate in this valuable conference and training. Through you Deby and I have experienced the overflowing love and grace of God.**

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father.... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”  
(Eph. 3:14-19)*

