

## NEXT STEP

Unknown to the believers, **Marvin** and **Tamar** travelled to Jinotepe in July during their second scheduled holiday from Bible College.

We planned a sing on Friday evening and as the believers arrived, the expressions of shock and joy were worth the price of admission. The two weeks of fellowship was enjoyed by all but was very short.

Now, after eight months in **Honduras**, Marvin and Tamar are back home and settling down.

They plan on moving to **San Marcos**, a city with a population of about 19,000, located about 7 km north of Jinotepe.

They value your prayers as they look to open a furniture and upholstery shop. They are looking for a suitable home with space for a workshop and a space to host meetings as the work progresses.

Over the next few months, they will start sowing the seed with tracts, gospel texts and calendars.

This outreach is something new for the believers in Jinotepe so we value your prayers for the Lord's guidance and growth of the believers.

## ENGAGED

Another year, another wedding. While **Lori** was still in **Canada**, she was treated to a wonderful surprise.

As she was visiting for the weekend, **Mischa** headed off for a breakfast date with boyfriend **Mitch Foreshew**. Mischa returned with a great big smile and a beautiful engagement ring.

Later, as Lori made her way to Toronto for her flight back to Nicaragua, she was able to accompany Mischa as she shopped for a wedding dress. Much to everyone's delight, a dress was found at the last stop of the day.



A venue has been booked and the caterer selected. There is still much to do with many unknowns including **Mitch** and **Lori's** travel targeting April 2022 for the May 14<sup>th</sup> wedding day.



## BACK HOME

**Lori** was gone to **Canada** for 3 months, 4 days and 18 hours. Needless to say, she was missed.

We knew going into the mission field 13 years ago that this time would come. The girls leaving the nest and making their own way in the world.

Both **Mischa** and **Kearta** are living in Canada and in May finished their College careers.

Due to circumstances out of our control, we were not able to travel as freely as we had hoped over the last couple of years.

Lori's visit surprised the girls; they had no idea she was going. The trip to visit them was a necessity for her, and for them. She was able to spend much of the three months with one, or the other, or both.

She got to meet the boyfriends and got to see them take steps forward into settling into working life.



## MYSTERIOUS WAYS

One Sunday night in September, **Kearta** was asking about God's will for her life, and wondering about where and how she would find a job during a very complicated time for graduates.

The very next morning she got a totally unexpected call from a brother in a neighbouring assembly who needed an assistant. It was an emergency fill in but has turned into a full-time job. It has been a blessing for Kearta in so many ways.

Please pray for her as she waits on the Lord to guide. There are still many unknowns with regards to settling down. But as has been evidenced in her life, time and again, especially over the last couple of years, how great is our God!!!

## NATURAL WONDER

It has been a year since Mitch started a morning reading with those who come to work at the house. After reading a chapter and sharing a brief commentary about the reading the floor is opened for questions and comments.

It has been a very positive experience with most of the participants viewing it as the highlight of their day, the half hour goes by quickly.

The workforce has grown with some involved in general cleanup, maintenance, and now with a small plant nursery consisting of some ornamental plants, medicinal plants and edible plants.

The fruits, vegetables and grains we produce help pay for the workers and serve as a food supplement for the poorer believers and help with the food requirements for the camps and teen events.

The camp area is slowly growing, and we look forward to the next step being completed which will include a playground and garden area.



While pondering why we hadn't started the nursery years ago, we appreciate that the Lord's timing is always perfect.

We are now enjoying the influx of butterflies, birds, honeybees, and hummingbirds. Seems like a healthy ecosystem is developing.

*“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow.*

*For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*

*For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”*

*James 4:14 – 15.*

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he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

## RESPONSIBILITY

With Lori gone, the responsibility for food preparation for the monthly camps and the weekly teen class fell on a couple of the sisters. They were used to helping, but not accustomed to planning and coordinating.

Though it was hard not to have Lori around, it did provide an excellent opportunity for the sisters to grow in their service for the Lord. As the weeks passed, the growth in taking ownership of the food preparation and distribution was evident.



It was also encouraging to see some of the younger sisters helping and some of the teens pitching in as well. The kitchen is always bustling with activity and fellowship.

## DELICIOUSLY HEALTHY

One of the benefits of living in a tropical country is the endless supply of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Using lemons and ginger grown on site we have been making and drinking this “tea”.

In a large pot, boil eight sliced lemons (including the peel), a large piece of ginger (four fingers worth), six sticks of cinnamon and 12 cloves. You can adjust quantities of all ingredients to taste.

After boiling for 15 to 20 minutes, let sit for 2 hours with the lid on. Store in the fridge and include the remains of lemons etc... in a pitcher.

Drink hot or cold. You can add some pure honey to sweeten.



## SINGING

When Marvin and Tamar came to Jinotepe for their holiday from Bible Camp we had a sing at our home.

We spent an hour singing then had some food and a time of fellowship.



Last week, we had another sing at the hall. We are trying to learn some new hymns to add to our repertoire. We will need a bit more practise before we can formally sing them, but everyone seemed to enjoy the new hymns and the new tunes.

We also had supper together enjoying a good time of fellowship.

## TRACTS

We continue to distribute tracts on a weekly and monthly basis. We are planning another printing in the early part of the new year. This will include some new titles and likely some titles that we have not printed for quite some time.

We value your prayers as we prepare the tracts for distribution in our area and across the country.

## CALENDARS

Thanks to the generosity of IBH, we have been able to distribute calendars yearly in Nicaragua. The 2022 calendars are almost ready and we look forward to reaching out once to contacts who eagerly await the new calendar. Please pray with us that in addition to having a beautiful decoration in their home, they come to know the gift of God which is eternal in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*“And let us not be weary in well doing:*

*for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

*As we have therefore opportunity,  
let us do good unto all men, especially  
unto them who are of the household*

*Galatians 6:9 – 10*

## FELLOWSHIP

*Danya* had asked for fellowship several months ago. Even though she was coming out to meetings, and helping, there was still a little something that she was not understanding.

After speaking with her, we waited. It is wonderful seeing the Lord work in someone's life and very encouraging when that someone responds and grows spiritually.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> she was received into fellowship joining her husband, *Ervin*.

Please pray for their family. One of their daughters has professed to be saved and is baptized but has struggled. Another daughter is not saved and has been attending meetings with her boyfriend for over a year. She (and he) are seriously considering their condition before God.

Two grandchildren are also under the sound of the gospel in Sunday School and in the home.

## SALVATION

A *teenage girl* professed to be saved on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She had been struggling with some personal issues for several months and contacted a *sister* to speak with her. Later that week she spoke to *Mitch* and confessed that she was at wits end and wanted to be saved. The next day between Sunday School and Gospel Meeting she spoke to a couple of *sisters* and sat down with teary eyed and very solemn. Later that night she texted “Hermano, hermano Mitch, I have good news, really good news for you.”

Mitch called her and she extatically declared that she had just gotten saved. After meeting she had gone to her room, prayed to the Lord confessing her sin and trusted the work of Christ.

*“For with the heart  
man believeth unto righteousness;  
and with the mouth  
confession is made unto salvation.”  
Romans 10:10*

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it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee,  
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## SPLITTING UP

Since moving the activity with the teens entirely to Saturday, we have until this point continued with only two classes for Sunday School.

But the Sunday School class continues to grow with new children coming on an almost a weekly basis. From an average of 30 students, we have grown to an average of 60 students.

The “under 8” class is consistently at around 20 children with surges up to 30. The 8 to 13 class has consistently averaged 30 children with surges up to 45.



The larger class sizes are difficult to manage and so we are implementing a split creating a third class. We thank the Lord that we have believers available and willing to make this change possible.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we made the transition and ended up with:

“under 8”:	22 children
“8 – 10”:	22 children
“11 – 13”:	28 children

Still some large classes, but for the time being we will manage.

*“But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”*  
Matthew 19:14

## TRAINING

Over the last year while in Jinotepe, **Marvin** has been sharing with the believers what he has learned at Bible Camp. Two brothers are taking advantage of the material they are receiving to work on their bible study and message prep.

With the extra Sunday School class starting up, **Mitch** has been working with the new teachers, **Ervin** and **Victor**. They are both actively reading the Scriptures and very willing to learn how to share the gospel message with the children.

Over the last couple of months, they have been working together to prepare the curriculum and outlines of messages about creation.

Marvin will be taking on the “11 – 13” class which will allow Mitch to mentor the new teachers and continue working with all the teachers and be able to keep a bird’s eye view on the growing Sunday School.

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”*  
2 Timothy 2:2

## LOOKING AHEAD

We value your continued prayers.

*For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.*  
James 4:15

**Dec / Jan:** School summer holidays provide an opportunity to host more day camps for the Sunday School children, actual dates TBD.

**Dec / Jan:** 2022 Calendar distribution

**Jan / Feb:** Six two-hour sessions once a week at a local Bible Institute (**Diriamba**), the topic is a practical overview of the **New Testament**

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