

## **GOSPEL MEETINGS**

A gospel series was held in Jinotepe the week of February 21 - 26. We encouraged the believers to focus on handing out invitations to their contacts.

As the result of the personal invitations, 50 souls came to hear the gospel over the six days. This included, friends, family members, neighbours, coworkers. Many came out more than one night and a good number continue to attend the Sunday afternoon gospel meeting and midweek Bible Study.

**Tony** Flett joined **Mitch** in the gospel effort. Tony's theme for the week was different aspects of "What is the gospel?" and Mitch's theme was questions asked to Christ and questions asked by Christ in the book of John as it relates to salvation.



A couple of weeks after the meetings had ended, *Gerald* shared with Mitch that he had gotten saved during the meetings. It was encouraging to hear his thirst for the word and a desire to read and understand what the Scriptures teach. His wife *Janine* recently acknowledged that what she thought was salvation was probably just an emotional experience she had in her teens. She is interested in salvation and continues to come and hear the gospel. Their two daughters have also expressed interest in their spiritual well-being and are faithfully coming to Sunday School.



"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15 During the week of March 6 – 14 a gospel series was held in the city of *Masaya*. *Tony* Flett and *Mark* Bachert shared in the preaching of the gospel. The Lord blessed with the salvation of souls.

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Ervin took a group of 15 to 25 from Jinotepe to support the meetings of which a good number were unsaved.



During the week of April 18 – 25 a gospel series was held in the town of **Dolores**. **Tony** and **Mark** again shared in the gospel. The meetings were very well attended and it was decided to continue a second week until May 2. The Lord blessed with the salvation of souls.

A group of 35 – 40 from *Jinotepe* attended the meetings including a good number of teenagers.



During the week of May 13 – 20 a gospel series was held in the towns of *Tauquil* and *Jalapa*. *Mark, Oscar* and *Tony* shared in the gospel. The Lord blessed with the salvation of souls.

Pray for the outreach in Nicaragua, souls are being saved across the country to the glory of God.

"Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord," 2 Corinthians 2:12

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And the LORD,

he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

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## **CAMP DAYS**

The last Friday of every month is a professional development day so the children have it off.

We are now holding day camps on each of those days alternating monthly between the two groups of Sunday School children.

On April  $30^{\text{th}}$  we had 53 children from 8 - 12years old. Thankfully, we also had a good group of helpers.



The children always enjoy the activities of the day. We start off the day with a refreshment of fruit, followed by a message. After a time of team competitions, we have lunch and a time of singing and a quiz. After another time of team competitions, the children enjoy some "free time" and receive a treat before heading home.

In this camp we covered the story of Joseph and the parallel to Christ.

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Genesis 50:20

The following Sunday we review the lesson at Sunday School and we are encouraged at how well the children remember the details and the verse that they memorized.



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On May  $28^{th}$  we had 20 children from 4 - 8 years old. We had a good group of helpers that are learning how to serve.

We follow the same schedule as with the other group but with a little more "free time". The little ones do not last quite as long in the team competitions.

The competitions are also not as competitive as we are focusing on teaching the children how to play the games and participate in the activities. Some of the children catch on fast and most are becoming more adept and coordinated.

In this camp we covered the seven days of creation. We make the lesson interactive, and the children stay engaged and are willing to participate. They are also quick at learning the verse we teach them.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1



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## **3 DAYS and 3 NIGHTS**

April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were a national holiday. The usual teen camp and national conference plans were modified due to concerns with Covid. We took advantage of the two days to meet locally with believers and contacts.



Ten believers from the assembly in *El Valle* were able to join us on Friday for a good time of fellowship.

We held eight sessions of 1 ½ hours over the two days. The small groups were assigned puzzles related to the theme before Mitch covered the material with those in attendance.

As the studies were ending, an older sister spoke out and said, "this is the first time I have so enjoyed a Bible study".

It was exciting to see everyone in attendance searching the Scriptures. If only in our day-to-day reading, we could get so excited to figure out what God has done and is doing.

On both days we also enjoyed a time of singing, some refreshments, and a great lunch. *Lori* and some of the sisters had prepared the food ahead of time so that everyone could participate in the studies.

How clear of a sign did Jesus leave for those who did not want to believe in Him?



"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." John 5:39

On Saturday May 1st, **59 teenagers** came from 3 assemblies (*Dolores, Jinotepe, Masaya*) to participate in the camp. The verse for the day was:

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"For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:31 – 32

The importance of treating marriage as God intended is as crucial for our generation as it was when first instituted in the beginning.



In God's eyes, the relationship between a man and a woman is of utmost importance and is a testimony to spiritual and eternal truths.

How much it must hurt Him to see the chaos. As Jesus declared "but from the beginning it was not so." Matthew 19:8



Salvation is the only thing that can right people's perspective on marriage so that we see it as God sees it. We pray that as Christ is presented as the one who loved the church and gave himself for it, that the teens will trust Him as their Saviour and live their lives submitted to His will for them.



A sign so clear, that no one will have an excuse he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, for not believing on Him. he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

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## TRACTS

Over the last six months we have coordinated two printings of tracts for different brothers. We took advantage of the printings to add variety to our stock of tracts.

The tracts were in storage and we finally had a small lull in activities where we were able to get together to fold and bundle the tracts. On April 16 we got together and folded about 25,000 tracts and on May 22 we also folded about 25,000 tracts. There are still about 8,000 tracts that need to be folded and 22,000 tracts that need an address sticker added. Another session is planned for mid to late June.



The time spent working together for our Lord is excellent fellowship.

The weekly distribution of tracts in the Santiago Regional Hospital is still on hold but we are praying that the doors reopen to continue this work initiated in 2009.

After seven months on hold, the distribution of tracts in the Central Park in *Jinotepe* is back on track. Two brothers are currently involved in the distribution of 300 tracts on a weekly basis. Opportunities arise to speak to individuals about the gospel and sometimes to pray with them.

As an assembly, we have set a goal for each believer to distribute 100 tracts every month. Each one decides to whom and where they will distribute the tracts; to family, friends, fellow students, coworkers, neighbours.

Each believer meets several people in their dayto-day activities. Each believer has people around them that other believers do not know nor will ever meet. Each believer has a mission field in which to sow the seed of the word.

We are encouraging each believer to realize the opportunities that the Lord has given us daily to reach those who are lost. We do not have to wait for the opportunities, we need to act upon the opportunities that are all around us. GROWTH

We anticipate a baptism in the not-too-distant future. We are currently working with four believers on the significance and importance of baptism. *Isaac* was saved as a young boy in 2017, *Alberto*, an elderly man, was saved in 2019, *Chico*, a young single man, was saved in February of 2021 and *Gerald*, a married man and father of two, was saved in February during the gospel meetings in Jinotepe.

We value your prayers as these men seek to obey the Lord and publicly testify of the new life they have in Him.

We also value your prayers for two ladies with whom we are working with regarding assembly fellowship. *Dania* is the wife of a brother (*Ervin*) already in fellowship. *Nidia* began visiting us on and off about four years ago. She has shared her testimony of salvation from 2005 and recently expressed her desire to join us in fellowship.

We value your prayers as the local testimony grows to the glory of God.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

We value your continued prayers.

- June 14 18: Teaching virtually at Bible Camp in Tela, Honduras
- *June 25:* Day camp for children (8 12 yrs old) from the Sunday School *Jinotepe*
- *Early / mid July:* Day camp in *Jinotepe* for teens/young adults from four assemblies
- July 30: Day camp for children (4 8 yrs old) from the Sunday School Jinotepe
- August 8 14: Teaching virtually at Bible Camp in Tela, Honduras
- Sept 26 Oct 9: In person teaching at the Bible Camp in Tela, Honduras

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

