

PYLANT'S NEWSLETTER

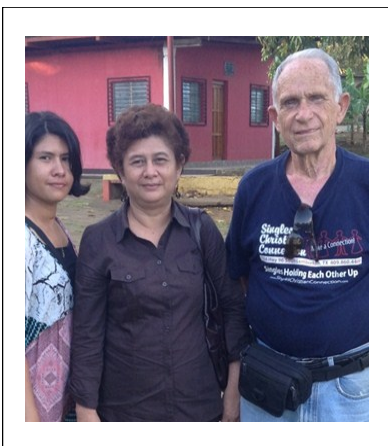


RETURN TO NICARAGUA

After not going to Nicaragua for approximately 10 years the Lord made a way for me to go again. This missionary work is very special to me. I started this work in 1973 shortly after the devastating earthquake of Nicaragua. I was even accompanied by Dr. John Douglas himself. Through the years I have enjoyed developing this work consisting of a Douglas Memorial Children's Home, a school with grades 1-6, and a church. I took in many children who were abused or abandoned or orphaned by the earthquake. Through the years the facilities have grown into classrooms, dormitories, dining hall, and playground. It has been a joy to serve the Lord in this country. In recent years I have not gone due to illness primarily. But now upon the invitation of my dear friends from the Beaumont Texas area I was again in Nicaragua renewing old friendships, recollecting old times. Here are some of the reports of the fruit of that labor.

A VISIT FROM SEÑORA KARLA

Karla, the well the well-dressed lady shown here came to visit at the school together with her teenage daughter. I was very pleased to learn that she was among the very first children that I took into the children's home shortly after the tragic earthquake in 1972. She recounted to me of her stay in the children's home and how she found Christ here as well as loving Christian friends and workers who gave her a loving secure home. She remembered playing in the playground, swinging on the swings, sliding on the slides, and taking walks on the dirt



Karla, her daughter, and I

road nearby with the other children and the kind "Norte Americano" who would often come to visit from the United States. "What was his name I asked" "oh I don't recall his name she replied" "but we had so much fun." "You're looking at him now, I informed her" She jumped with surprise and joy. "Oh I'm so happy to see you again she said". "Those were my feelings likewise I told her" I listened with great interest as she related how she and her daughter were both serving the Lord in their church in Managua and how much her stay in the home had meaning in her life. I said to myself "All the effort was worth it. There is lasting fruit."

A FACEBOOK MESSAGE MARIA LUISA IN SPAIN

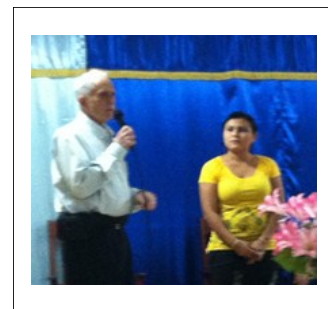
While visiting Nicaragua and checking out Facebook I came across a message from this girl "Oh, I am so surprised and happy to contact you by this means, Don Wyman. You may remember me. I was in the home for 6 years from 1993-1999. I learned so much and was so blessed to be in the Douglas home. While there the Director gave us the opportunity to go to Vocational School. I studied Executive Secretary. I did well and soon began to work in Managua soon there was an opportunity for skilled young ladies to go to Spain and work. I took this opportunity and am now in Spain from where I am writing you. God has blessed my life and I am so thankful to the staff and sponsors of the Douglas Children's Home for all they did for me. Thank you Don Wyman for your loving concern for the children."



Maria Luisa

STORY OF KARLA ORTIZ

Karla's family lived in the capital city of Managua. They were extremely poor. It is thought that her father was killed in the revolution in the early 1970's. The desperate mother hearing of the Douglas Children's home in Masaya brought Karla and her brothers and sisters asking us to take them in. Karla was just 2 yrs. old she and her siblings found a happy home. At an early age a missions group was taking certain children for a brief stay in the United States Karla was among them that were chosen. By this time the Director Manuel and his dear wife Gloria had taken Karla into their own home to become her substitute parents. While in the United States Karla learned some choruses including those that she sang during the week that the Christian Singles Connection was visiting in February of this year. Karla grew up in the family of Manuel and Gloria and became this beautiful young lady that you got to know. She is now married to her husband Edgar and continues to thrive in every way. We join her in thanking this group for their donations to help her and her husband build a small house for her and husband to live in. This kind of care and concern truly changes lives.



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BEAUMONT GROUP SPENDS A WEEK NICARAGUA

A group of 29 Christian Singles spent a week in the Home/School in Nicaragua. They got to work right away installing/replacing lighting in the classrooms, painting 7 rooms inside and out and replaced the roof on 4 classrooms. Nearly 300 kids were screened for health problems. Our hairdresser cut the hair of the children and staff while others painted the young girls fingernails. They handed out the bags of goodies for each child and the staff as well. "We had fun trying to communicate with them and them with us. It never ceases to amaze me, Gods hand in all of this", shared Lynda Nebbs. The group also visited the volcano Masaya and went on a boat ride in Lake Nicaragua. Cathy and I thank you for your continued financial support. You can view this Newsletter and others on our website shown on the left .

