

# A Message From Our Founder



Looking back over the last three months, one word comes to mind. **Explosion!** Since God gave us a new plan of action in January, we've witnessed the greatest growth in our history. (*See the plan on page 4.*) I'll give you a hint ...*Virtual Mission Teams.* 

Nowhere is our ministry exploding more than in Nicaragua. In April, we were enthusiastically welcomed into churches, police departments, prisons, government offices, as well as on ball fields and playgrounds. Many found eternal life in Christ. God's Master Plan also included *The Nehemiah Project* - a plan to restore broken

families. His plan included putting shoes on the feet of poverty-stricken children, providing bags of rice and beans, flour and oil, for those with no food. It included placing antibiotic ointment and hydrocortisone cream into the hands of mothers with no way to treat a skinned knee or bug bite. Little girls with hair stringing in their faces stood in line for 30 minutes to receive a hair band. Seeing the love of Jesus, they went away with huge smiles, new ponytails swinging in the breeze. Children from 2 to 80 flocked to the block party and baseball tournament. Two hundred Bibles were placed in the hands of those ripe for hope.

We celebrated the opening of three new *Sewing for Success* centers where women without any viable means of support can now earn money to feed their family. 100% of the profits go to the workers! (*See story page on page 3.*)

Kenya now has five churches leading the study. Costa Rica is multiplying, Honduras is on fire with growth, and what I never dreamed has happened. The ministry is in the underground church of China. Well over 100 women in several cities have attended the conferences.

We leave for Brazil in 8 weeks where the explosion is so great that we don't even know where all the groups are located. This space just isn't big enough to tell all our mighty God is doing! Join our Virtual Mission Team by donating to the Brazil mission trip - *today!* The need is great. The cause is worthy!

"And the King will answer and say to them. 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."" —Matthew 25:40. NKJV

Until next time, Your Traveling Partner, Brenda

> Prisoners receive Bibles from the team and hear the "Good News" of Jesus Christ!



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# PRAYER

#### Evangelize · Equip Encourage · Establish

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

For God to bring many souls to Himself

Family restoration through The Nehemiah Project

Multiplication of international groups.

A hedge of protection for our leaders & their families

Finances to fulfill the vision God has given us

For the upcoming trip to Brazil

New partners to join us in 2015

#### Taking Jesus to the Jail

While on mission in Nicaragua, God opened the door for ZMI to take Jesus to the jail in Tipitapa and share the Gospel with the inmates. Armed with the Gospel and 50 donated New Testament Bibles to be given to each



inmate, we found ourselves standing in the middle of four cells that housed close to 50 men and four women.

On that day and at that time, the Lord had a word for those inmates. Filled with a boldness that only the Spirit can give, Brenda delivered a powerful message of redemption, resulting in several men and all four women falling to their knees in tears and praying a prayer of salvation.



The presence of the Holy Spirit was overwhelming as the inmates began singing "The Spirit Is In This Place."

In addition to ministering to the inmates, ZMI had the opportunity to spend

time and pray with some of the 70 female police officers who report to work there every day.



"Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints." **Philemon 1:7, NIV** 

# Hundreds of Hygiene Kits Distributed to Families in Need

Due to the economic struggles of many families in Nicaragua, basic hygiene items are a luxury for them. For that reason, we asked individuals as well as fellowship groups to help us meet their needs by packing premade hygiene kits.

The response was overwhelming! Individuals, Sunday School classes, community Bible study groups, and preschools jumped right in. Our goal was 400 completed kits and we received 441 as well as countless other items that can be given out as needed by Pastor Manuel and Odily! A hygiene kit may seem small, but to a family in need, it is anything but. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project!

#### LET'S GO TO BRAZIL!

Yes, it's time to prepare for our 2015 BRAZIL MISSION TRIP Boa Viagem is about 3 hours inland from Fortaleza

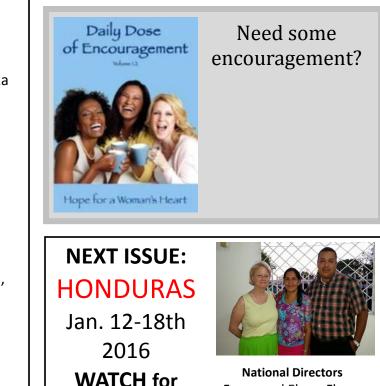
#### August 27-September 3, 2015

This year will include humanitarian aid projects As well as teaching for the family. If you can't physically go, join one of our Virtual Mission Teams (see page 4)

This Mission will include women's ministry, men's ministry, Backyard Bible Clubs for children, and evangelism.

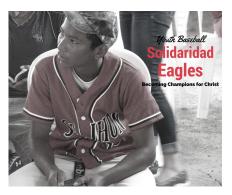
Cost is \$1,710 per person including air, lodging, food, and ground transportation.

If interested contact us for details at <u>brenda@zmiinternational.org</u>



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# EAGLES BASEBALL MINISTRY MULTIPLIES FOUR-FOLD!



Kids were coming out of the woodwork! The baseball ministry is multiplying. Four teams participated in the Solidaridad Eagles Baseball Tournament in April. Hundreds of people attended, and stayed for the Block Party that followed. We could only imagine what the children were saying as they ran to bring their friends. "Come and see...the church has brought us clothes, new shoes, hot dogs, and candy. Come and see...they hug us and play with us. They brought baseballs, bats, gloves, and uniforms for our players to have just like the rich kids. They say

more details!

they're here because Jesus told them to come - because Jesus loves us too. And people who couldn't come sent us these

gifts. Come and see!"





"If anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules." 2 Timothy 2:5, NASB





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