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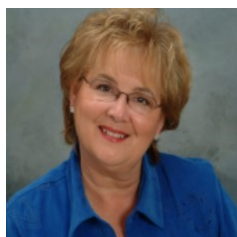
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A Message From Our Director



As I look back on 2014, I stand amazed at our Mighty God.

January 2014 burst forth as 14 people committed to go on mission to Nicaragua. In **February**, our Team retreated to The Cove, where God confirmed His 2014 ministry plan, including *The Nehemiah Project (TNP)*. In **March**, ZMI returned from Nicaragua and Honduras, where approximately 2,500 people were reached with Christ's message, including for the first time, men and youth. Humanitarian ministry and baseball ministry also began in Solidaridad. In **April**, the baseball ministry exploded, Bible study groups multiplied in all countries and ZMI moved into newly donated offices. **May** brought two weeks on mission to Brazil including filming for *The Nehemiah Project*. In **June**, ZMI in Kenya multiplied into nearby villages, and the first quarterly newsletter was published. In **July**, Tom returned to north Brazil to help investigate ministry opportunities to unreached people groups, and God led us to assist a sister ministry Alagoas, Brazil. In **August**, new groups arose in the Dominican Republic and our name changed to ZMI Family Ministries International. In **September**, *TNP* classes began in the U.S. In **October**, our focus included the new website, Daily Dose of Encouragement, and Gala prep. In **November**, Pastor Manuel & Odily, our leaders in Nicaragua, arrived and spoke in local churches and at the Gala. **December** brought the much anticipated Gala and with your gifts, Christmas blessings reached children in three countries! In 2014 many people were saved, families were restored, and discipleship grew. *Lord, we praise You, and with great anticipation look forward to all you will do among us in 2015!*

*Now to Him who is able to do
far more abundantly beyond
all that we ask or think*

Ephesians 3:20

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A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT BLESSES BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE IN THREE COUNTRIES

Hollywood may boast of star-studded nights with beautiful people, but none can top the beautiful Stars with generous hearts that gathered at Castle McCulloch for our International Missions Christmas Gala.

After hearing the story of little Juan Perez, your response to **Shoes for Solidaridad** was overwhelming! He and 225 of his friends got new shoes for Christmas! Along with a Christmas dinner and message, they watched as members of the church visited and shared their bounty with families living *inside* the city dump, with one young man openly receiving Christ that day.

In a prison near Choluteca, Honduras, 22 mothers received gifts of Bible study classes, books, Bibles, Christmas dinner, and a toy for their children. In Kenya, you shared a Christmas meal with the orphans in Pastor Alfred's church, Swahili Bibles for 25 new leaders, and study books for women they will teach in the villages around Kitale.

In addition, your contributions will help provide first quarter support for Pastor Manuel & Odily, Pastor Elmer & Fanny in Honduras, and help with the upcoming mission trip in April.

Thank you! Thank you! I invite you to continue to join us on mission! All can Pray. Some can Go. Many can Give. Let's all do something in 2015!



PRAYER

JOIN US ON MISSION

- G- Go on a mission with us!
- I- Invite ZMI to your church
- V- Vision! Pray God will fulfill His vision
- E- Equip ZMI to carry out the Great Commission with your financial support

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 and their families

Finances to fulfill the vision God has given us

For our upcoming trip to Nicaragua

New partners to join us in 2015

DIGNITY: RESTORED

For us women, we give little thought to the hygiene essentials related to our menstrual cycles. Sadly, what we perceive as a necessity is a luxury item in many developing countries, including Nicaragua.



Photo courtesy: *It's Our Mission. Period.*

For women living in extreme poverty, where they are unable to afford feminine pads and tampons, they must resort to strips of fabric, old clothing, and even trash in an attempt to absorb the flow.

On our 2014 trip, ZMI partnered with *It's Our Mission. Period.* to provide 60 women with a solution. Each woman received a kit including washable and hygienic absorbent fabric liners, which if cared for properly, will last each woman up to three years!

Our feedback from the women regarding this product has been nothing but positive and the Lord has opened the door for us to provide even more women with kits on this upcoming trip! If you are interested in contributing to this unique initiative, please email traci@zookeepersministries.com.

SHOES FOR SOLIDARIDAD



I love shoes! Don't you? Just for kicks, see if you can count how many pairs you own. This task wouldn't be difficult for the children of Solidaridad, Nicaragua. Many would answer, "none." This village of extreme poverty is literally built around a garbage dump. Without proper shoes and clothing, this environment leads to multiple health issues, especially among the children. On ZMI's last trip to Nicaragua, approximately 1500 pounds of clothing was distributed to the villagers. When all of the shoes had been distributed, a bare-footed ten-year-old boy was devastated and choked out words of disappointment between the tears when he realized he would not be receiving shoes. Brenda decided right then and there that as much as possible within this ministry, no child would go away disappointed because we ran out of shoes!



Top: Brand new shoes purchased by YOU!
Left: Young girl with her beautiful new shoes
Right: A young boy trying on his new shoes

Little did we know that was the beginning of "Shoes for Solidaridad." For as little as \$5, you can provide a child with the gift of shoes, maybe even their first pair. One hundred percent of your donation to this project will go to purchase the shoes for these precious children. In order to save on prices as well as on shipping, shoes will be purchased in Nicaragua and Pastor Manuel and Odily will help with this aspect.

Our hope is that putting shoes on their feet will open the door for the gospel of Jesus Christ to penetrate their hearts. Won't you partner with us?

Contact tami@zookeepersministries.com for more information.

BASEBALL MINISTRY MORE THAN QUADRUPLES!

What started out as a simple baseball ministry for boys in Solidaridad last March, has now become a baseball league for boys in FIVE villages and churches! The teams are complete with practice days, game days, and a full game schedule. They also have weekly Bible studies for team members, coaches, and any parents that wish to attend.

is building, and stories of boys and men accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior are increasing! Families are coming together to watch the games, and fathers are getting involved in their son's lives. Praise God!

We desperately need men to go with us this year to help teach clinics and share Christ to participants. Join us for the Championship Tournament scheduled during our visit that is sure to bring people from five towns and villages. The time is ripe to reach these areas for Christ! We can all do something!

Gather equipment. Go. Pray. Give.
For more information, call Tom Lancaster at 336-382-6825, or email him at

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Attendance is growing, the excitement

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