



*Pointing the Way to the Cross Internationally*

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Dear Prayer Warriors,

Wow, where has the time gone this year? Thank you to all of our prayer warriors and financial supporters, for everything you've done. Without your support, it would be much harder to follow God's call on our lives to minister to the lost in Nicaragua. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we grow spiritually and embrace "Panorama", a year-long study for Cross-Cultural Missions Ministry through our church.

Every year, during this season people keep trying to push Christ out of Christmas. Pray for our nation and our leaders that we don't allow this to happen. It's not about the presents we give each other. It's about reflecting on Jesus Christ and His decision to come to earth in the form of a man and provide us with a path to an intimate relationship with God again. Our prayer is that you share with your family, friends and neighbors who might not know the real reason for this time of year. Please keep our military and their families in your prayers for their safety. Without them and their sacrifices, none of us would have the freedom to worship our Savior. Our oldest son Joshua is currently in the middle of his first deployment and God is working great things in his life. Pray he continues to grow spiritually and deepens his walk with Jesus Christ.

When we traveled to Nicaragua in June/July, our youngest son Jacob was with us. Thanks again to all who made it possible for Jacob to go with us. While there, we helped Jamil, a 26 year old pastor in Nindiri, with upgrades and repairs to his church. Shortly after we returned to the U.S., Jamil followed as he was admitted to the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, TX along the Texas/Mexico border. He's currently pursuing his passion to become a better, well-trained pastor. Many have asked about Jamil and wanted to know how you could help while he is here for four years attending school. He needs personal items such as laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, notebooks, paper and pens. Also he has the desire and opportunity to take an English class so he can communicate more effectively and efficiently for the ministry in Nicaragua and a great blessing for CrossWay too. Unfortunately this is an additional expense of \$500 for the class and books. If you can help, please send support to CrossWay International for Jamil and thank you in advance for your help. During Christmas break, we are hosting him until January when he starts the next semester. We want him to know that he is welcomed and loved here since he can't be with his family in Nicaragua. We are very close to Jamil and we praise God for this wonderful blessing! As we head back to Nicaragua in January, we will be continuing renovations at his church while he is here. January will be a time of transition for us as our youngest son Jacob heads off to Navy Boot Camp in Great Lakes, IL and we head off to Nicaragua. Jacob will be training as a Hospital Corpsman with the goal of serving with the Marines as their medic. We will be doing discipleship and strengthening our ties with the churches in Masaya, Nindiri, Las Velasquez, and Las Flores. Ann will be teaching the ladies Bible study on Ruth with our friend Pam Palmer from Arizona and working with the children on Bible stories and crafts. Lastly, we pray that you experience the God of Peace this Christmas season. "When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" [Matthew 2:4-6 NIV](#)



Robert, Jacob, Ann, Jamil

In HIS Name we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

*Robert and Ann Messier*