



# CrossWay International

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## News from Nicaragua

### Open Door at University in Managua

My coworker, Robert Messier, and I traveled to Nicaragua this past August to check out new ministry possibilities. It was a surprising and truly blessed trip.

Right before our trip, however, our coworker in Nicaragua, Rafael Rivas, had his laptop, clothes, and all his belongings stolen 10 days before we were to come. Even with this major disruption, Rafael still put together a productive plan for our visit.



Dean Chollar and Robert Messier

We started with what we like to do most— evangelism. Rafael arranged for Robert and me to speak to a graphic design class at the University of Managua. Robert and I shared for 2 hours in this class of 28 unbelievers, and at the end, I gave an invitation for each one of them to trust in Christ alone for salvation, not in a religion or their own good works. Eight of the 28 students indicated they made this decision. We also met the teachers and staff, and each one told us we have an open door when we come back. This was encouraging news, and we are seriously considering a return trip for next spring or summer.

That evening, Robert and I spoke again to Rafael's ministry team from the Youth Outreach Ministry. They, too, were a very friendly and receptive bunch of University students. Robert and I felt blessed to be

called on to pour out our lives into young people who are hungry for instruction and encouragement.

The next day, we headed 3 hours north of Managua to the town of Matagalpa. Robert and I taught more University students who were part of Jenny Perez's ministry team. (Jenny is a young lady who worked with me last April in Uganda.) Again, these students were attentive, and it was a strong time of discipleship and training. Jenny also lined up a time for me to preach at her church, Yaule Church, at 9:30 that night. They were holding a marathon service from 8:00 PM until 4:30 AM the next morning! I have to admit, I didn't stay for the whole service, as I was scheduled to preach in an open air church in Susuma on that Sunday morning.

### "How Beautiful are the Feet of Those Who Bring Good News!"



Susuma kids with new shoes!

Our time in Susuma, the last stop on our Nicaragua trip, was perhaps the most heartbreaking. This community of believers includes many malnourished kids who rummage through the garbage dump for food and other items. We brought 78 pairs of shoes for these precious souls, which they were so grateful to receive. The community has asked us to drill a water well for them, to help them set up a medical clinic, and to build a church building. Although their circumstances are heartbreaking, we are delighted to consider such projects as God provides the funding.

Overall, we had a great time in Nicaragua and are looking forward to the chance to return and reach more for Christ.



*Clockwise from top left:  
Dean preaches to a crowd in Nicaragua  
this past August*

*Moses with 2 of our 5 cows, which  
provide food for the orphans in Sudan*

*Big smile from one of CrossWay's  
orphans!*

*Children play on a brand new water  
well*

## Future Plans

As we look back over this past fiscal year, we have been blessed to see a significant increase in support in spite of the recession and budgetary restraints on churches and our prayer partners. This has been amazing and a huge blessing as we branch out to meet more needs and hold more evangelistic meetings. This coming year looks like it, too, will present us with some real challenges. I have invitations to go to India, Pakistan, Sudan, Liberia, Nigeria, and Kenya, just to mention some of the places, and firm plans to go to Tanzania, Sudan, and Nicaragua.

In Tanzania in November, Bob Nicol, our Engineering Consultant, and I will be overseeing the drilling of a well for a Christian community. I will also be teaching a pastor's conference and speaking at evangelistic events with Tony Swanson with African Inland Mission (A.I.M).

In the latter part of January, I have plans to visit our 549 orphans in the village near Darfur, Sudan. We hope to replenish the medical supplies for our medical clinic there and provide more books and school supplies for the CrossWay Christian School.

Later next spring/summer, I definitely want to get back to Nicaragua where Rafael will be lining up a pastors' conference for me to teach with some evangelistic events included. The open door we had in this country is very promising. We will also be looking at drilling a well in Susuma and establishing a clinic there for the many malnourished kids mentioned earlier.

Please pray for me as I make decisions of how best to travel and move the ministry forward.

*Dean*

# Letter from the President

by Jim Rushing

Dear Prayer Partners of CrossWay International,

It is an annual tradition for the President to send you greetings and a thank you letter for all your prayers and support for our fiscal year of September 2008-August 2009. In keeping with this, let me share my heartfelt thanks for your partnership in spreading the gospel.

I also want to thank Jim Barker for his leadership as President of CrossWay International for the past several years. As you may know, I (Jim Rushing), am now the acting President for a 6-month interim period, until our Board of Directors can meet again. Here is a brief overview of what has transpired in the past year.

First, Dean spoke one hundred times last year in various venues. This included five mission trips, travel to twelve cities in the United States, and a host of other local churches and events. God has certainly answered our prayers to provide a bevy of opportunities for Dean to preach, and he's ready to do more.

Secondly, we are gaining a hearing for the gospel through our Income-Generating and Humanitarian Aid Projects:

- **Water Well Drilling**- We have three wells in Sudan, one in Kenya, and one in Ethiopia, and we hope to drill as many in this coming fiscal year.
- **Orphans**- We are also caring for 549 orphans in Sudan near the Darfur region.
- **Medical Clinics**- One of our medical clinics, which we recently established, is specifically for these orphans. We hope to have a second medical clinic up and running in Meki, Ethiopia.
- **Agriculture/Animal Husbandry**- In order to avoid the syndrome of dependency, we are sending a farming expert into Sudan to train the villagers to grow their own food and raise livestock to feed these orphans.
- **Schools**- Our school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is self supporting and is birthing house churches. A second school in Sudan is meeting the needs of the orphans there through the devotion of ten teachers.
- **CrossWay Coffee Ministry**- To date, this new ministry is generating more than half of the funds needed for food for our orphans. We are hopeful that many more will sign up to order our coffee. It's not really about coffee, but about kids- orphan kids with great needs.

Thirdly, all of the ministries mentioned above are meant to set the stage for the preaching of the gospel. As the African proverb goes, "Empty stomachs have no ears." Therefore, **our goal is to gain a hearing for the gospel** by meeting needs and setting up ongoing projects. One of the most productive evangelistic trips was when Dean preached a number of times in Uganda last April, along with Ken Galyean. We saw more than 1400 people come to faith in Christ.

Lastly, our staff in the USA and overseas has increased dramatically:

- We now have six people on paid staff in the United States.
- We have twenty one paid staff members overseas.
- We have another fifteen unpaid staff members, such as our Engineering Consultant, Coffee Ambassadors, Medical Consultants, etc.

We hope that this brief update encourages you as you participate in the partnership of CrossWay International. I know I speak for Dean, myself, and all of our coworkers when I say how much we appreciate your prayers, support, and help. Please continue to pray for us as God expands our vision and our work in His kingdom.

Warmly in Christ,

*Jim Rushing*

Board President



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*"How beautiful are  
the feet of those who  
bring good news!"*

## Mission Trip to Nicaragua!



*Top: Dean teaches university students in  
Matagalpa*

*Middle: girls get new shoes in Susuma*

*Right: site of the proposed church building in  
Susuma*



See inside  
for more  
details  
from this  
fruitful trip!



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