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Dear Friend,

We recently spoke with First Baptist Church in Boerne's International Missions Committee and came away from the meeting with a peace around us. The committee was pleased with our obedience to God's calling, telling us that we were the first members of the church to come before them seeking guidance and hopefully partnering with the church as full time missionaries.



We've enclosed a brochure that explains our call to Nicaragua. As we mention in the brochure, we (as a couple) first felt the pull towards the mission field while living in Virginia Beach, VA while working in motorcycle ministry. So many in the biker world are lost and in need of someone to share God's grace with them. Many people are afraid to speak to bikers since "they look mean" or "they're scary." But God used us as fellow bikers to reach out to them and let them know that they can look like they do, continue to ride and enjoy themselves, but they also need to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, to put their trust in Him alone for their eternal salvation. We truly felt validated in that ministry by being invited into one of the "one percenters" club houses to pray before a charity ride for children.

Since moving to Boerne, we have felt a shift in what God wants us to do from motorcycle ministry to being missionaries to Nicaragua. I have recently been named the American Director to Nicaragua for CrossWay International and I'm looking forward to seeing how God will use Ann and me in that



Ann surrounded by new friends in Nicaragua!

country. We've been asked if we merely see "the need," or do we truly feel called to this area. In response, we can only say that we see a need for service and help in many areas of the world, but feel called to Nicaragua. The people there are hungry to hear God's Word, they are receptive to God's Word, and they need to know that salvation is a free gift from God, paid for by His Son. We can't work our way into salvation or heaven, no matter how much good work we do.

While we were in Nicaragua in June, we built relationships with several of the local pastors in Matagalpa. We expressed the desire to work with them in their community. We believe it is not enough to go there and help someone put their trust

in Christ alone and then leave to come back to the United States. We need to be able to “plug them in” at a church in their community. The pastors and the two of us are praying to see where God is leading us to help for our upcoming trips. Our goal is to be able to lead mission teams to Nicaragua at least once a quarter for one to two weeks, depending on the need at the time. In between leading teams down there, we would be going more often for 3-7 days at a time to continue working with the local pastors. Right now we are focused on the Matagalpa area, but we consider the whole country as our area of evangelism. We would love to be able to take you and show you the need but for now we can only raise the awareness through our prayer letters. Through God’s provision and timing, we will be able to do this full time, traveling back and forth to Nicaragua, leading teams to help, and to introduce the lost to Jesus Christ.

We are currently preparing for our next trip to Nicaragua at the end of January 2011. Our mission team will be comprised of approximately 10 people. Part of the team will be leading and training pastors at the Pastors’ Conference. These conferences are vital to ensure that the pastors we work with understand sound, Biblical doctrine. The rest of the team will be teaching Vacation Bible School to many children in Matagalpa. On our last mission trip to Nicaragua, we were able to meet many children who needed to experience the genuine love of Christ. God provided the necessary supplies such as witness bracelets, Evangecubes, colored pictures of Bible stories and characters, and other activities. The kids were able to learn and experience that God is there, and He wants them to know how much He loves them. Please pray that we will be able to reach more children as we expand our ministry in this area. We are also praying about opportunities for Ann and the ladies to teach Women's Bible Study. Also, as we mentioned, this mailing also includes a brochure that we’ve done with CrossWay International. This brochure can (and should, please!) be shared with friends that you want to tell about God’s work in Nicaragua.

This new work for us is exciting, but none of it is possible without your support. Our prayer is that God will show you the need in Nicaragua, and that our desire is to show the people the greatest gift of all—free to us but cost our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, everything! May we never take God's Grace and Gift of Jesus Christ for granted. My heart breaks for others to know Him as we do. In America, we have become desensitized to hearing the Gospel. Why? Because we are bombarded on every side with opportunities in this country. However, that is not the case in countries like Nicaragua. The only way these people know the truth is when God sends people like you or me to tell them. God has told us both to go, so we are stepping out in faith and obedience to God's call. Will you partner with us in this call?

In HIS Name,
Robert and Ann Messier



Robert and Ann in Nicaragua with CrossWay International team.