

## In God's Hand

"Everything looks fine and I think it is over, just go back to bed." Steve said to Alia at 1:45 in the morning when a 6.8 earthquake woke us up.

Two night later we woke up to the roar of rain pounding on the tin roof. We could lay in bed enjoying relief from the heat knowing that the debris, floods, mud, ruined roads and leaky houses that all come with the first rain after months of the hot dry season did not seem to be affecting us adversely.

This week we were very thankful for a house built in such a way that floods and earthquakes allow us to remain secure in bed even as the environment around us is loud and uncertain. This reminded us of our relationship with God. Though the battles rage around, our "home" is in the most secure place ever.

## Resonate Regional Plans

After a year of intentionally seeking and listening to God influenced voices, our Central America Team has been affirmed that many of the things we are involved in are worth continuing, like the Impact Clubs highlighted on the next page. We are also sensing God's invitation to push more deeply into:

- 1) **Develop young adults and lay leaders for mission** by promoting ministry formation for more diverse church groups through adapting materials using education based on dialogue, and more intentionally encouraging discipleship networks of young adults.
- 2) **Plant churches** by exploring and networking new forms of church among Migrants, Intentional Communities, and those not fitting with traditional forms of church.
- 3) **Equip and encourage congregations in gospel witness** by promoting reconciliation amidst the widespread regional violence, pain and trauma by using "Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations".
- 4) **Minister with diaspora communities** by helping the local church serve the millions of people migrating in and out of our region.

## Prayer Points

- Praise for your support. Your notes of prayers and increased financial support that we saw are gratefully received.
- Praise for the clarity God has brought our regional team in the midst of so many challenges and opportunities. Pray that we continue to walk with local Christians and hear God's direction.
- Praise for Impact Club leaders who pour into the lives of youth.
- Pray that our varied travel plans to US/CAN this summer go smoothly.
- Pray for migrants all around the world.



It is our privilege to explore and implement with Central Americans what it means to have Christ as Lord over all of their lives. We do this primarily with the Nehemiah Center as together we serve and learn in western Nicaragua.

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Leon is also known for beautiful sawdust 'carpets' on Good Friday.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sawdust\\_carpet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sawdust_carpet)

## Impact Club Highlights

In the last few months God moved in the Impact Clubs in Leon, Nicaragua.

- 75 youth were spiritually strengthened as they together explored themes like: Growing up Responsibly, Living with my Mobile (phone), Healthy Self-Esteem, Don't Listen to Strange Voices.
- 20 youth enriched their skills in cooking, preparing 4 different food dishes (Chicken Cordón Blue, Cannelloni Stuffed with Chicken, Baho and Stuffed Pork Loin).
- 8 families had times of forgiveness between parents and children that included deep discussions and commitments to have more quality time together and to make good use of technology.
- 8 youth accepted Jesus!

## Already?

Alia graduates from high school in a month! We can't believe it is 'already' here and we definitely are not 'all-ready'; however, we are excited as she takes her journey to Wheaton College in the fall of 2022!



*Thanks for your support! – Steve, Kim, Alia, Nathan, Elise and Esme*