

Prayer Requests

Praise for the strong relationships that the Nehemiah Center continues to build with the local church in Nicaragua.

Praise for God's faithfulness and provision as we continue to serve the Nehemiah Center from Canada.

Praise that we received a tourist visa for Maynor's mom, Jeannet and that she could visit Canada during the month of February 2022.

Pray for Nicaragua.

Pray for financial, emotional, and spiritual support to be provided daily for our family.



Financial Support

To support our work financially, send donations to Resonate Global Mission using the address found on page 2.

Please write, Maynor & Alicia Navarrete, in the memo line and make cheques payable to Resonate Global Mission.

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Dear Friends and Family,

It has been an exciting and busy 2022 so far for the Nehemiah Center and myself.

In January, I (Alicia) took on added responsibilities with the Nehemiah Center by joining the newly formed Management team. My role has expanded to include a much more intentional and deeper relationship with our International Collaborating organizations. So I also got a revamped job title as Coordinator of Mission Advancement.

The Church Strengthening department has already trained 13 new facilitators in personal finance, and 21 leaders in trauma healing. At the end of April 2022, they will also be hosting a leadership development conference for church leaders and pastors in Managua.

The Holistic Mission department is gearing up to open 6 new Clinics for the Soul which will provide free counseling, trauma healing and conflict resolution in their communities. The team is currently training volunteers to implement and manage these Clinics of the Soul.

Even more exciting is a new innovation pilot project called Churches and Families which is working with 8 vulnerable families in the city of Leon; helping them to understand the importance of the family

unit and how they can strengthen their relationships with each other. Through this pilot project, marriages have been reconciled and spouses are returning to church with their families.

In 2019, the Nehemiah Center had a book written about its ministry and it was titled *To Be Reborn*. At the time, we were placing a lot of hope in the idea that the Nehemiah Center was in the process of being "reborn" after a period of decline. What we didn't anticipate was that it would take another 2 years of labour pains and challenges, before we would fully emerge and be reborn as an organization.

The imagery of childbirth seems an apt way of explaining the last number of years. The labour pains and messiness are akin to the challenges both internally and externally that were experienced.

However, what we are experiencing now, is the joy and hope of new birth; as we see the results of trusting in God, persevering through challenging times and determination to follow the vision in front of us. We rejoice in the ways that God's hand has been over and through all of it.

In Christ,

*Maynor & Alicia,
Myles and Arianna*

The Importance of Creation Care

One Saturday afternoon more than 20 young people came out to clean an area that is quite dirty; the bus terminal in the city of León. They were excited about sweeping, picking up garbage, and helping each other. In the end, through the love and joy with what they were doing, people who were selling or waiting for transportation joined in with the cleaning as well.

This clean-up initiative was the result of two trainings on the topic of Creation Care that was held for young people from different churches in the city of Leon. The training was hosted by the Nehemiah Center in partnership with the Network of Christian Organizations in Central America (ROCCA). During the training, they designed action plans to develop activities that focused on taking care of God's creation. This resulted in the clean-up of the local bus terminal, plus the creation of promotional videos to raise awareness around Creation Care and making art out of recycled products.

Estela Vallecillo is a member of the Casa de Paz (House of Peace) church in the Sutiaba neighborhood of the city of León. She dedicated herself only to participating in the liturgical activities of her church, but after participating in the Creation Care trainings, she shared her experience with the Nehemiah Center. "Participating in the workshop allowed me to realize that the creation of God not only has to do with focusing on what the human being is, but on everything that God created in nature and all those things that were created by the hand of God", likewise, she expressed that she liked the training so much that "I took on the task of replicating the training", she invited some members of the church and the community, "I could see that many people did not realize how we are neglecting the creation of God. After this, accompanied by other young people from the church, we have given ourselves the task of recycling and making videos, to raise awareness that creation must be taken care of by us, this has motivated us and we are encouraging neighbors, friends and family about what it means to care for nature".

It is impressive to see how young people are passionate about serving not only in the church but also in their communities. Estela is just one testimony of the impact of the two-day training on Creation Care. Two other churches have created promotional videos and hope to raise awareness within their church and community.

This is one more way that the Nehemiah Center is equipping church leaders to transform Nicaragua through the stewardship of God's creation.

