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**“To Serve and meet the needs of impoverished people,  
 while sharing with them the Good News of Jesus Christ.”**

## From the Home Front

*Larry White*



There is no way to give enough praise and thanks to our wonderful staff in Nicaragua for the extraordinary manner in which they handled every situation put before them in preparation for this year’s Medical Mission. I want to thank them for all the extra trips to the office of the Minister of Health; for the attention to detail in making certain we were in compliance with all the new rules and regulations; for their wonderful smiles that made each challenge easier to face.

It is difficult to put into words all the emotions I experience on one of these trips. I always get an adrenaline rush as I see the totes of medicine start through the inspection station at Customs, especially with all of the rule changes this year; however, all of the worries vanished this year as the totes cleared Customs and were loaded onto the bus.

Even though we faced some struggles the first day or two – bad roads; longer drive times; vehicle break-down – the glory of God was seen. Having H.O.P.E. Central completed and ready for the teams was truly a tremendous blessing.

The maturity of the youth group from the Guadalupe Church of Christ in León, Nicaragua is delightful. They helped in so many ways, and it seems like only yesterday many of them were graduating from the Van Henson pre-school. Now some are attending college. A couple of them are pre-med majors, and I am looking forward to working with them for many years to come.



January 2007, Dr. Myears attempts a portable ultrasound on Edwin at the clinic in Sebeco.

Edwin Florez is a frail four-year-old twin born with a rare heart defect called tetralogy of Fallot – a hole between the ventricles of the heart; one ventricle more muscular than the other; a misplaced aorta. In January 2007 his mother brought him to our clinic in Sebeco for a consultation. Test results enabled Dr. Don Myears to determine his defect. We left Nicaragua last year without any promises to Edwin and his family; only that we would try and help, if we could. Dr. Myears made several requests on Edwin’s behalf. Fast forward to January 2008 – one year later. After the first team had returned home, I was on the way back to Managua, two days of clinics in Jinotepe behind me, when my phone rang. The voice on the other end was Dr. Myears calling from Springfield, and the instructions were clear – “You need to



Days later, Edwin, pictured with a new toy, is preparing for an EKG and ultrasound that takes place the next day.

find little Edwin Florez. We just got approval from Children’s Hospital in St. Louis, and they are ready and willing to perform the needed surgery.” Tears came to my eyes as I shared the news with the team later that evening. Put yourself in the place of Edwin’s parents, knowing your child may only have a couple more years to live. They now have hope of a long life for their child. Project H.O.P.E.’s Director of Pastoral Training Jerson Gonzales is working with the family to get all the documents in order. Continental Airlines will provide the air travel, and we are searching for a host family in St. Louis. Our goal is for the surgery to take place mid-May. Please keep Edwin and this effort in your prayers.

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We had a special treat the second week having Paco Padilla, a famous folk singer from Guadalajara, Mexico, with us. He kept the attention of the young and old, during the clinics, as well as providing fun for everyone on the team.



Paco Padilla entertains the children, while their parents wait in line to see a provider.

As both one-week teams traveled from the west coast to the north border and back to the capital city of Managua, **more than 6,000 people were seen by our providers; more than 1,300 pair of reading glasses were distributed; hundreds of bibles were gifted; huge quantities of personal hygiene products were shared; lots of toys were placed in the hands of precious children.**



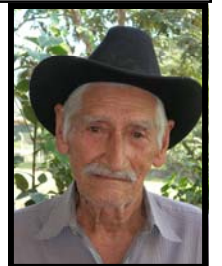
Paco Padilla entertains the children with musical chairs, while their parents wait to see a provider.

When I look back on all that took place in order to share the love of Christ, I can only say, "Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to share in this ministry with such a wonderful group of people."

Below: Youth from Guadalupe Church of Christ hang out in the shade. Right: This little one, suffering from a bad cold, waits to see a doctor.



Patients at Project H.O.P.E. medical clinics range from babies to the elderly.



Our Project H.O.P.E. babies are growing! Marvin & Karla's son, Angel Mixcal, is almost seven months old. Little Zoe Victoria, daughter of Jerson and Jennifer, is almost six months old.



 We are looking for volunteers to help transport teams via the Project H.O.P.E. bus. If you have your CDL, with passenger and airbrake endorsement, call Kim at the Project H.O.P.E. office 886-HOPE (4673).

A Defibrillator is needed at H.O.P.E. Central. If you have information on obtaining this piece of equipment as a donation, contact the Project H.O.P.E. office 886-HOPE (4673) or [Stacey@pjhope.org](mailto:Stacey@pjhope.org).



Annual  
Golf Tournament  
Saturday, May 10  
Stewart Golf Course  
Four Person Scramble  
Mixed Teams Welcome!

Coffee & Donuts 7:00 a.m.  
Shotgun start 8:00 a.m.  
\$75 per player  
Lunch sponsored by  
**McALISTER'S  
DELI**  
Prize for 1st place team!  
Door prize drawing during lunch



Questions:  
Kim Bradley or Stacey Schultz  
886-HOPE (4673)

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*(Of the \$75 entry fee, your tax-deductible gift equates to \$50)*

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We have two ways to sponsor a hole this year for the Project H.O.P.E Annual Golf

## **BUSINESS HOLE SPONSORSHIP**

We would like to offer the opportunity for you to support Project H.O.P.E and advertise your business.

## **INDIVIDUAL HOLE SPONSORSHIP**

We'd like to offer an opportunity to sponsor a hole by honoring a special friend, a special family you may have adopted or even a special Staff member from Nicaragua.



**\$100 per**

**Deadline: April 10,**

Please consider this opportunity to honor someone special!

Cut below portion and send to Project H.O.P.E or e-mail the form to Stacey Schultz: [Stacey@pjhope.org](mailto:Stacey@pjhope.org)

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# BIOGRAPHY



My name is Aracely Rocha. I am a single 29-year-old. I studied Business Administration at Universidad Centro Americana. I live in Managua with my parents, the youngest of three siblings. I became a Christian when I was 15 years old. All the members of my family are Christians, and my father is one of the Elders of the Church of Christ in Villa Alemania.

I came into contact with project H.O.P.E through Larry and Janet White. I had the honor of meeting them in 1999, when they invited me to translate for the medical and construction team. I have seen the love of Jesus in all of the people who come to Nicaragua to help the people who really need it the most.

After I started translating for Project H.O.P.E., I began dreaming of working with the organization and helping other people. In my mind I said “it is impossible for me to work with them, because my English is not so good.” However, I always kept in mind that for God anything is possible.

I began to work for Project H.O.P.E January 2 of this year as an administrative assistant. I feel blessed that I am working with a nice friend and boss, Rebecca Loge. I am learning a lot from her.

I thank God and the Directors for giving me the opportunity to work with people who are always willing to share the love of Jesus. It is a privilege to be a part of this organization.



## Ball of Many Colors

By Gary Longenecker



Mike Morris, a farmer from Moundville, MO, had been praying for several months for God to use him. He was a simple farmer who loved the Lord, committing his life to serving Christ. One day, while doing his devotions, Mike held a soccer ball. As he was praying, God directed Mike to color the ball. Mike was unsure, thinking it a bit ridiculous. Opening his eyes, he found magic markers on the table. He picked up one of the markers and began to color the ball. Suddenly, he realized a colored soccer ball could be used to share the Gospel. Mike finished the ball and took it to a park in Nevada, MO. He tossed the ball out to some children playing, and they began to kick the ball. After a short while, one of the children asked Mike, "Why did you color this ball?" Mike picked up the ball and used it to share the Gospel. That day two children were saved. The “Ball of Many Colors” was born! Mike continued to use the ball to spread the Good News, all the while continuing to pray God would use him.



Gary with a security guard at the soccer tournament.

One day, as Mike was praying, God directed him to have 100,000 balls produced for use in China, leading up to the 2008 Olympics. That is some vision from God. WHAT WOULD WE DO, IF GOD REVEALED SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO US? Not knowing what to do, Mike kept praying. He knew no one in China. In fact, he'd never been out of the country. A mutual friend, Granville Watson, facilitated a meeting between Mike and me. I was interested in this “Ball of Many Colors.” Since that date a little over two years ago, Kingdom Sports Products has produced, distributed and sold more than 67,000 balls. Working with Campus Crusade, 22,000 balls have been distributed in China alone. Kingdom Sports Products has balls in over 125 countries world-wide! Thousands of people all over the world are coming to Christ, because a multi-colored soccer ball was used to share the Good News. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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Through my friend Bob Roberts, I learned of Project H.O.P.E. and their ministry in Nicaragua. I was particularly interested in how Director of Social Programs, Marvin Sanchez, was reaching out to young men via soccer. I was especially curious about Marvin's testimony, himself a former gang member. Bob invited me to be a part of this soccer outreach by hosting a soccer tournament.

With four months to plan, Marvin organized a tournament with 180 teams participating. The event ran from Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17. The total attendance for the tournament was between 4,000 and 4,500. Much of the success speaks to Marvin's great effort.

I learned from Marvin that 90% of those playing in and attending the games were not believers. With the sole purpose of sharing Christ with the Nicaraguans, each day of the three-day tournament started with a contemporary Christian music group followed by drama and concluding with me sharing the Gospel using the "Ball of Many Colors" and an accompanying tract. I extended an invitation each day for people to respond to the Gospel by publicly praying to receive Christ. Over the three days, several hundred people prayed to receive Christ.



Ready to play on the soccer field of dirt, these youth hear the salvation message in a way they understand through the ball of many colors.

I believe one of the problems in the church today is we are preaching to the saved. Our soccer tournament crowd was a lost crowd; a crowd of very lost and un-churched people. What a privilege it was to share God's love with them.

I was especially blessed on Saturday as I was watching one of the games. Two little boys, around five or six years old, were kicking one of the balls. Herman Cortes, my interpreter, picked up the ball, and the boys came over to him. Herman pointed to the different colors, and the little boys told him, in Spanish, the meaning of each of the colors. My messages were geared primarily to the young people and adults, but many children were also in attendance. The Bible says in Matthew 19:14, "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"



The ball of many colors tells the salvation message simple enough for even the young children to understand.

On Sunday evening the first and second place teams and their families joined us at H.O.P.E. Central for a pig roast – about 55 in all. Two brothers-in-law and frequent travelers to Nicaragua, J.D. Thomas and Larry Evans, roasted the pig and did a wonderful job. (There's a first time for everything.) We laughed and celebrated and took one more opportunity to worship. Marvin emphasized it may be the last time many of the group would hear the Gospel. He wanted me to stress the urgency of making a decision now! I used Mark 1:16-18 as my text, and I talked about Jesus calling Simon and Andrew to be his followers.

Verse 18 says, "And immediately they left their nets and followed Him..." I told the people becoming a follower of Christ meant making a decision NOW...IMMEDIATELY. Twenty-five of the 55 guests prayed publicly to receive Christ that evening. To God be the Glory!

I was so pleased with the Staff of Project H.O.P.E. It was an awesome experience to work with such a great team. I will value this experience for the rest of my life. Thank you Project H.O.P.E., and thanks from all the new brothers and sisters in Christ. As I told them at the games, only one team comes out a winner – every team in the tournament lost at least one game – BUT ON GOD'S TEAM, WE ALL COME OUT WINNERS!



The drama team performs before the message is shared.

For more information on Gary's work with Kingdom Sports Products and the Ball of Many Colors, visit: [kingdomsportsproducts.com](http://kingdomsportsproducts.com) or email Gary at: [gary.longenecker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gary.longenecker@sbcglobal.net)

# Project H.O.P.E.

## 2008 Team Trip Dates

**Mar 14-21, 2008**

**Team Leaders: Chuck Cook & Rick Bryant**

Construction of Ten Homes – “Oro Verde” outside Managua – Volunteers from Soldotna, AK with a few Missourians lending a hand.

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central)

**June 7-14, 2008**

**Team Leader: Kim Bradley**

Construction of Ten Homes – “Bosques de Xiloa” outside Managua – Fellowship Bible Church (Rogersville, MO) **NOTE: There is availability on this team. Call 886-HOPE (4673) for more information.**

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central)

**Jun 20-28, 2008**

**Team Leaders: Larry Lewis & Alan Manchester**

Construction of a Community Center - Diriamba – First Baptist Church (Nixa, MO)

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central first and last night)

**July 1-8, 2008**

**Team Leader: Roger Lea**

Construction of Five Homes & 24 Latrines – Muy Muy – East Sunshine Church of Christ (Springfield, MO)

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central first and last night)

**July 15-22, 2008**

**Team Leader: Chris Ballard & Kim Bradley**

Laying Water Lines and Painting Houses – “Sinai Valley” in Las Penitas – Youth from Fellowship Bible Church (Rogersville, MO) & volunteers from Kansas City, St. Louis, Branson, Kimberling City and Springfield, MO.

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central first and last night)

**July 25 – Aug 1, 2008**

**Team Leader: Steve Ijames**

Construction of 20 Homes – “Bosques de Xiloa” outside Managua – Calvary Baptist Church (Republic, MO), James River Assembly of God (Ozark, MO) & Springfield Police Department

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central)

**Aug 3-10, 2008**

**Team Leader: David Patterson**

Construction of Ten Homes – “Bello Amanacer” outside of Managua - United Methodist Church (Lee's Summit, MO)

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central)

**Aug 23-30, 2008**

**Team Leader: Larry White**

Construction expansion – Guadalupe Preschool in León - East Grand Church of Christ (Springfield, MO)

(Team will stay at H.O.P.E. Central first and last night)

**Aug 30 – Sept 6, 2008**

**Team Leader: Bruce Moran**

Construction of Four Homes – Community TBD outside Managua – Second Baptist Church, Stanley Hayes Sunday School Class (Springfield, MO)

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**Project H.O.P.E.'s Focus:**

- Home Construction
- Medical Clinics
- Preschools
- Well-drilling
- Pastoral Trainings
- Evangelism & Bible Study
- Social Programs — *Furia Santa*
- Abstinence Programs for Youth

**Other Ongoing Financial Needs:**

- Payroll for Nicaraguan Staff & Intern
- Operational Expenses at H.O.P.E. Central
- Vehicle & Mechanical Equipment Maintenance

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