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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

Kim Bradley



I would like to share with you all about our new administrator, Herman Cortes, who will be joining the H.O.P.E. Central team March 2009. Herman will be responsible for the staff and serve as Legal Representative. He will work directly with each team leader to ensure all of the “i’s” are dotted and the “t’s” are crossed, prior to each team’s arrival in Nicaragua.

The story of how I met Herman is a good one. Almost 20 years ago, I found Herman on a ski slope in Colorado. Herman was a panic-stricken 14-year-old, lost in a strange country where he didn’t speak the language. He did not know how to ski either. Herman had come to the States at the invitation of some missionaries who served in his native country of Chile. Good friends with Herman while in Chile, the missionary’s son forgot about his Chilean pal when he got back with his American friends. Herman was deserted on the slopes. When I skied up to him, he looked at me like a child who had lost his mother.

I was a counselor in student ministries, and while I had seen Herman on the bus ride out, I didn’t really have a conversation with him, since I didn’t speak a word of Spanish. Somehow we got down the mountain together safely. Herman was my shadow from that moment on, until the trip ended several days later. He reminded me of a starving puppy who had just been given a juicy steak.

When we parted, I casually told Herman through an interpreter, if he ever wanted to come back to the States, he would always be welcome in my home. Now, that is one of those things you say to people, but you really don’t expect it to be taken literally. I have since learned, when speaking to those of a different culture, don’t say anything you don’t really mean.

About a year later, my phone rang. “Tio? (Uncle) This is Herman. I am in Miami. I come stay with you, yes?” Of course, what else could I say? My wife Cheri was all questions: “Who *is* this guy?”

As they say, the rest is history. This was the first of many visits Herman made to our home over the past 20 years. He has also joined us on several mission teams to Nicaragua. He has become a part of our family. It is with great pride and love that I share him with the rest of you as part of the PJH family.

God had a plan for that frightened boy on the ski slopes so many years ago. I believe He was calling Herman to Nicaragua way back then! Please pray for Herman as he answers this call.

One other staff change in 2009 include Aracely Rocha entering into a new business venture with her brother. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best as a new entrepreneur.

Holiday Office Hours:

**The Project H.O.P.E. office will close
December 24 and reopen January 5. All
checks *dated* on or before December 31,
2008 will be credited to 2008 donor
records. Mail will be checked daily, plus
the office door now has a mail drop slot
for your convenience.**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



The 2008 Project H.O.P.E Pig Roast and Auction brought in over \$53,400 for much needed programs and supplies for the people of Nicaragua. A big thanks to all who tirelessly supported this event.

See you next year!

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Pedro and Pablo

By Maria Elena Rivera



Maria Elena is pictured with Pedro and Pablo,

Pedro and Pablo are two young boys I met in the mountains of northern Nicaragua. These two boys are brothers and have three more sisters in their family.

As I was working at the medical clinics in January of this year, I saw Pedro and Pablo in their old clothes and with their feet covered in mud. I asked their mom why they were walking barefoot, and she indicated they did not have any shoes and not even a pair of flip flops. They had come from the other side of a big mountain in front of the preschool where our clinic was staged. This meant she and her children had to cross the Coco river. My heart became sad thinking of the bugs and insects that might have stung these little kids. The thought of stones and thorns that might have hurt their feet during their walk to the clinics was unbearable. At that very moment I thought "We might still have pairs of shoes in the tubs we brought!"

I introduced the two boys to Directors Larry White and Chuck Cook. I asked if we still had shoes to give away. They sadly replied we had just run out. I became so sad that we were not going to be able to provide shoes for these two little boys. But our Lord Jesus touched the hearts of Chuck and Larry. They later went to the nearby town and bought two pairs of boots for the two boys. I was personally blessed to be able to hand the new boots to the boys. Let me tell you, I could see smiles on the faces of these little boys and sparkles come to their eyes as they received their new boots. This is a moment I will never forget.

I thank all of you who have and will continue meeting the needs of the poor in Nicaragua through Project H.O.P.E.

With New Eyes

By Maria Elena Rivera

Marisela is an 11-year-old primary school student and the daughter of a deaf, mute woman.

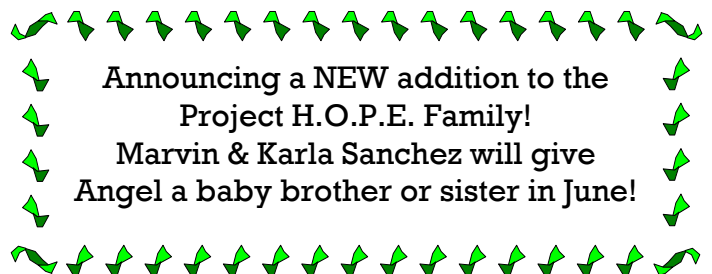
In January of this year, I was working with the medical team when Marisela approached me to tell me she needed eyeglasses, because her current pair was no longer strong enough for her eye condition. I took her with me to where we had the eye clinic set up to be checked. After the doctor examined her eyes, we realized we did not have any eyeglasses for children, only for adults.

This child was only eleven and had a severe problem of diabetes. Even though her mother is disabled, she works washing and ironing clothes to be able to support her family. With the little money she makes, it is not enough to provide her daughter with new eyeglasses. Marisela told me she did not know if she was going to be able to attend school this year, because she could not see well. She did not have any money to buy new eyeglasses.

I explained the situation to Mr. Chuck, one of our Directors. He said to me, "You will be in charge of finding out her measurements and what kind of lenses she needs. Project H.O.P.E. will buy her eyeglasses." And that is how Marisela so happily received her new glasses and was able to go back to school...seeing with her new eyes!



Marisela with her new glasses.



Announcing a NEW addition to the
Project H.O.P.E. Family!

Marvin & Karla Sanchez will give
Angel a baby brother or sister in June!

Community Development Program

By Kenny Cox

The year was 2004. I was on my first trip to Nicaragua, anxious to be part of something so many of my friends and family had already experienced. My wife Debbie and daughter Brittany had already prepared me for the families who would tug at your heart strings, the kids who would melt you with their beautiful smiles, and the endless poverty that would rip you up inside wanting to help in any way possible.

As I traveled through the country in that wonderful school bus with Eddy taking us from one place to another, God constantly put thoughts in my mind: How do these people survive? How do they afford to eat? What do they do for work? The things we take for granted – our health, our ability to find a job, the ability to eat when we are hungry, the ability to read and write – are luxuries in this poverty-stricken country.

It's taken me four years to step up and find that others have the same thoughts. A couple of meetings sharing ideas with Project H.O.P.E. President Kim Bradley led to the concept of a program for the organization: The Community Development Project (CDP); helping people in the communities in which we work become more self-sufficient specifically in the areas of health, food supply, economics, and literacy.

Why is the Community Development Project and its goal of improving self-sufficiency important? A recent article in *TIME Magazine* discussed a new famine occurring in Ethiopia. Famine in a country where hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested to eradicate that very issue would point to a bigger problem. According to the article, approximately 90% of the support poured in Ethiopia went to feed those in need, while only 10% of the funds went to build infrastructure that would help prevent future famine. This focus, of contributing but not building, has resulted in Ethiopia and many other countries in Africa being dependent on the charitable contributions of others just to survive, instead of building a system that allows them to determine their own future and be self-sufficient.

As the plan for the CDP is being outlined, we are focusing on four key areas: healthcare, food supply, economics, and literacy. One of these areas, the area of literacy, is already starting to see great progress through work of the mother-daughter team of Mary Lassiter and Mary Ann Lengyel (See articles on pages 4 and 5.). The other three areas are just in the concept stage as we consider the various options.

In the healthcare portion of the CDP we hope to create methods of making each community responsible for their own good health. As in all elements, a focus on training for community members would be a key element. Preventive health, sanitation and well-baby care would be areas of emphasis. In the food supply element of the CDP, each community would be encouraged to grow their own food supply through micro-farms, gardening, and small animal raising to include chickens and rabbits. This is an area in which several have expressed ideas, including Mary Lassiter who is kindling a passion for conquering the hunger issue through a backyard farming program This program would provide the supplies that could start each family growing and raising their own food supply. The training of individuals to assist families in cultivating their own gardens, teaching them methods of irrigation to overcome the dry season and providing the tools and supplies to build this infrastructure would be a primary focus.

Along with growing and raising their own food and improving their own health, the CDP would work to help the families and the communities build economic stability as well. Our initial thoughts include supplying the tools needed to create jobs and developing business models that create durable goods or food stuffs to sell; all done through training and the concept of self-sufficiency development. We have all heard the ancient saying, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." To find out more about this important project or to offer suggestions or ideas on how we can teach our friends in Nicaragua "how to fish," feel free to reach out to me at coxfamily7@gmail.com or call me at (417) 849-1154.

A Library for All

By Mary Ann Lengyel

On my first trip with Project H.O.P.E. five years ago, I decided to take a few bilingual children's books with me: *The Cat in the Hat Dictionary* and *Curious George*. My goal was to learn some Spanish and share with the community children my love of books. Little did I know this would be the spark that ignited my desire to bring books to all Nicaraguan children. A big goal, but we serve a big God.



Enjoying *The Cat in the Hat Dictionary*.

After much research, I discovered that of the 143 municipal libraries in Nicaragua none of them have a system for lending books. In fact, only professionals or students are allowed to even walk through the doors of a library. The books are read while inside, or pages may be photo copied.

I also discovered there was only one lending library in Nicaragua. It is in the small fishing village of San Juan del Sur. Through emails and phone calls, Jane Mirandette encouraged me to pursue my dream. My mother, Mary Lassiter, is a college librarian in San Antonio, Texas. She was instrumental in helping me establish the technical aspects of setting up a library from scratch, complete with computerized processing. As of June 2008, Hope Library (*Biblioteca de Esperanza*) was established at H.O.P.E. Central! We have collected more than 300 titles, including pastoral training books and reference books. Michael, the H.O.P.E. Central gardener, was our first patron. On your next trip to H.O.P.E. Central, ask to see his library card. The seed money to start this library came from the Lenore Lengyel Memorial Fund. She was a gracious, Christian woman who loved reading and children.



Absorbed in a new book.

With the help of PJH Staff Byron Gutiérrez and Jerson González, more than 200 children and adults have been registered in the community of Los Castros. The Lorene Breeden School serves as the distribution site. For the first time in their lives, this community has the opportunity to learn to read, take books home, and continue expanding their love of reading. This concept was so foreign to them. They didn't even understand the purpose of a library card or the freedom to choose a book. The library is open to all, without exception.



Mary Lassiter shares a story with this inquisitive little guy.

During the June 2008 Bosques de Xiloa construction trip, my mother and I brought tubs of books to the job site. We asked the children to divide into "reading" groups as the translators and gringos began reading aloud to them. I wish you could have seen their faces as we opened the tubs of books. They were *amazed* to see so many books. Some kids were giggling; some were hugging the books; and some just stared at the books in amazement. The dream had begun!

It is my desire to see the precious people of Nicaragua educate themselves out of poverty and become self-reliant. Biblioteca de Esperanza is one of many outreach programs Project H.O.P.E offers to the people we serve in Nicaragua. Two booksellers in Managua have been located and will provide many resources. After hearing our story, they are thrilled to offer us a discount with many books starting at only \$.50 each! For more information on how you can help with this outreach, please contact Mary Ann Lengyel at alengyel@mchsi.com or (417) 887-3003.

Letter of Thanksgiving

By Aracely Parrales Ortega

Dear brothers and sisters from Project H.O.P.E., may God bless you. I do not have enough words to express my thankfulness for all the support and help to our humble community located in Las Peñitas, León.

We kept our hopes up for six years to get a decent house to live in. We proposed a house building project to a couple of government organizations like “Habita,” and “Carita,” but none of them gave us a positive answer nor were they interested in meeting our needs. But, do you know what? Our request was still in a process, and we are sure God was interceding. So in 2005, the Project H.O.P.E. volunteers came to our community to build 35 houses for the most impoverished people in the community of Sinai Valley.

In July of 2008, our community was once again blessed by receiving potable water, thanks to the servants’ hearts of our brothers and sisters from the United States. Our community members, along with the Project H.O.P.E. collaborators, worked side-by-side to dig ditches for the water lines. I remember walking in the sun,



Laying the new waterlines

carrying heavy water buckets from far away neighborhoods to my house. Thank the Lord we do not have to do that anymore!

We know these volunteers were sent by God to share with us their blessings from our heavenly Father. I also know some of the Project H.O.P.E. helpers left their families behind, which is not easy. They spent their free time and vacations helping us work for a social and spiritual purpose. I am convinced that when they left our community their hearts were full of joy for having helped their neighbors in Christ.

On behalf of all the beneficiaries, I would like to say THANK YOU! You helped make our dreams come true through Jesus Christ. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL TODAY AND ALWAYS.



Aracely gives God thanks for water!

Musings of a 80 year old youngster!

By Mary Lassiter

I had the honor of experiencing first-hand the team ministry of Project H.O.P.E. this June in Nicaragua. My daughter, Mary Ann Lengyel, asked me to assist her in setting up “her dream” — a lending library for the villages. I was so moved by the children’s responses of joy and wonderment as they held the books so reverently. For some this was the first time they had held a book in their hands. It was difficult to take pictures, because of the tears of joy that blurred my vision.

I was overwhelmed by the early morning corporate village worship, small group Bible study, the ladies Bible class with crafts, VBS ministries, the awesome, compassionate medical team of doctors, dentists and nurses to the framers, roofers, trenchers and block layers. What a labor of love!

Since returning home, I cannot shake the urgency to develop a backyard farming ministry to train and equip those precious ones, especially the women and children, to become self-sustaining. What a thrill to learn that Kenny Cox has this passion, too!

The Community Development Program (CDP) is a much needed outreach and an answer to prayer. I invite you to learn more about the CDP by reading the article on page 3.



Mary holds a little one who needs a “Granny” hug!

A Dream Comes True!

By Eddy Mendoza



Kelvin, Eduarda and Isaac of Bosques de Xiloa

Eduarda María Ortíz used to live in Ciudad Sandino. She lived in a very comfortable house with her husband and children. This house did not belong to her, but she was the caretaker of this home for awhile. Her family started to have conflicts and different family problems. With the help of a lady named Coquito, she was able to buy a lot in a neighborhood called “ Bosques de Xiloá.” By the time she relocated to this new community, her husband had abandoned her and her children.

She now found herself with a piece of land, but no house. Eduarda was helped by her father and an aunt. They built a small shelter using old sheets of zinc, plastic, and cardboard.

She was so happy to have a place where she could spend the night with her children. However, her 5-year-old son, Kelvin Antonio, did not agree with his mother’s decision. He had been comfortable in the house where she was the caretaker. He was very uneasy living in a house made of plastic and zinc. This change impacted him a lot psychologically. He cried and told his mom that the other comfortable, pretty house was his home.

Kelvin Antonio was found several times with a box of matches trying to set their plastic house on fire. He told his 15-year-old sister he did not like their new shack-like house. Nevertheless, thank the Lord he was never able to set their humble house on fire.

When the Project H.O.P.E. volunteers came to their community to start building the houses, Kelvin asked what was happening. Eduarda explained they had been picked by God through the community committee to receive a house. At first, when the young boy saw the construction materials, he asked his mother if they had been sent by his father for them to fix their house. Sadly, this was not true. Eduarda also told Kelvin that the Project H.O.P.E. volunteers were Christian Gringos who wanted to show God’s love by constructing houses.

From the time the Project H.O.P.E. volunteers built Eduarda’s house, Kelvin has changed his attitude. Now he says he would never try to set their new house on fire. Eduarda thanks God every day, because Project H.O.P.E. has changed their lives, not only by meeting their physical needs but by helping them spiritually and psychologically. She remembers praying many times to God for some generous people who could help her build a better house. Eduarda is a Christian. She said it’s still hard to believe she has a new house to live in with her children!

My name is César Augusto Muñoz. I am 62 years old. I have been the pastor for several years of a Christian Church located in a neighborhood in Ciudad Sandino. More than 60 members attend our services on Saturday and Sunday. I have been assigned to give sermons every Sunday morning. I am employed by Project H.O.P.E as the maintenance supervisor at H.O.P.E. Central. When I get off work on Saturday afternoons, I teach Bible lesson to 35 kids.

I would like to express my gratitude to Project H.O.P.E. for the wonderful Pastors’ Conference that was held at H.O.P.E. Central in September. My heart is full of joy for all the things taught by Pastor Phillip Wright (of Fellowship Bible Church of the Ozarks) at the conference. I and my fellow pastors were trained about legalism and how to solve family conflicts in our churches; themes that are of great importance for our local churches nowadays.

What I learned at the conference has been greatly useful as I have shared and taught God’s word in Sunday morning sermons. Also, I now feel myself able to advise married couples at my church who are having conflicts.

I personally would like to thank Project H.O.P.E. and Pastor Phillip for training the Pastors of Nicaragua. I also want to thank and encourage Director Kim Bradley and Jerson González to continue promoting seminars for pastors who are knowledge-hungry like me. Please consider me for future conferences!



César Augusto Muñoz

Miracles in my life

By Jenny González

...“my ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you” **Job 42:5**

Hello to everybody! It is such a great blessing to me to be able to talk about what God has done in my family life. I have been married for eight years to Jerson, a wonderful man of God. I have a daughter, Zoe, who has completed my happiness. And I have a God who has always been faithful to his promises. However, it did not always go well for me.



Jenny, Zoe & Jerson

I got married in 2000. That was one of the most wonderful times in my life. Even though my husband and I were very poor, we never stopped trusting God. One of our daily prayers to God was to be able to own a decent house where our children could grow up, without going through the sad times we as children endured, not having a home.

The worst came, when my husband got really sick. I thought I was losing him! He was dying, and I did not have any money to take him to a better hospital. However, God opened his door and used Project H.O.P.E. to move him to a private hospital to receive much better care. Only a miracle could have helped me! I spent three months on my knees at the hospital. Nevertheless, that was not the end of our trials; a year later I lost my daughter “Angie.” That was the most painful episode of my history. God also used Project H.O.P.E. to help us as we were going through this hard time. Those moments really hurt my life.

God did not abandon me. After these trials, his mercy, grace, and peace came to our lives as he sent our daughter Zoe Victoria — our greatest blessing. She filled my life with happiness.

Again, through assistance from Project H.O.P.E., we were able to fulfill one of our biggest dreams which was to get a loan to be able to buy our own house. To me, my house is like a little piece of heaven. What else can I ask God for?

My next goal is to get into a university to study a career. I cannot find words enough to thank God for having placed Project H.O.P.E. in my way. Thank you for touching the lives of people just like me who had nothing. May God keep providing for you so that you may continue doing what he has placed in your hearts.



Jenny & Zoe wish you a Merry Christmas!

Highlights from Young Men’s Abstinence Conference

By Jerson González

This was a wonderful seminar with the objective of cultivating family and spiritual values in the teenage-boys by teaching them to commit themselves to God to remain pure physically and mentally until marriage. We hosted 42 participants. I would like to share some pictures from the conference with you, in addition to a testimonial from a youth leader and an conference attendee. Thank you for your donations to fund ministries such as these!

“I have been a Christian for 18 months. I am 25 years old and a youth leader. While attending the Abstinence Conference for young men, I learned how to develop my leadership skills. This helped me to understand the need to make an impact in my neighborhood and community by bringing about changes through Jesus. I am currently in charge of discipling two groups of new, Christian young people. The two groups are made up of 28 and 32 respectively. I never thought Jesus would bring me to this level and use me to this degree. Thank you for making an impact on our lives and for feeding my passion for saving souls. May our Almighty God bless you!”

— Alex Escorcía



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Young men at purity ceremony.

“This was the best camp I had ever attended. If I tried to talk about sex with my dad, he would kill me; I could never do that. This was an unforgettable experience. I hope to be able to attend another conference, because this one has changed my life. I also had lots of fun. The food was exquisite, and the different activities that we carried out were fantastic. I also made many friends. I believe I have grown more spiritually, while attending the abstinence conference, than I have in my whole life.”

— *Bismark Hernández* from Los Castros, Mateare



Pastoral Conference Offers Training for Nicaraguan Ministers

By *Jerson González*



Pastors enjoy some much needed fellowship and encouragement.

The Pastoral Ministry of Project H.O.P.E. pursues leadership development and efficacy in the expansion of the Kingdom by training pastors and youth leaders who are transformed into agents of change to positively influence our Nicaraguan society.



Phillip Wright, with the help of translator Byron Gutiérrez, offers his insights at the Pastoral Conference.

Topics: Family Counseling and Legalism



Alejandro Hernández, Pastor from Somoto, Madriz receives his certificate of completion from Pastor Phillip.

The Pastoral Conference held September 9-11 at H.O.P.E. Central hosted 50 pastors from all over Nicaragua. They were challenged and encouraged through the teachings of Phillip Wright of Fellowship Bible Church of the Ozarks. All who attended were infused with the desire to make a change in their view of Legalism and Family Counseling. Following is just one enthusiastic comment.

“I have attended many conferences, but I have never experienced such an honest and challenging seminar like this one. I thank brother Jerson and Project H.O.P.E. for letting us be trained with good, quality teaching. We opened our minds to certain topics that are not talked about in our churches. These topics ‘added fuel to the fire.’ This led me to challenge myself to review my doctrine and make adjustments in my teachings for my congregation, as well as to evaluate my family life. Thank you for this wonderful work you are doing. DO NOT stop! Just like me, there are thousands of pastors in this country who really need to attend conferences like this one. May God bless Project H.O.P.E. and Pastor Phillip.” — *Alejandro Hernández*

Eye surgery for a brave girl!

By Byron Gutiérrez

I want to tell you a story about a 13 year-old girl named Estrella Chavarria. Estrella is a young, brave girl who greatly trusts in the Lord, even though she has not accepted him as her Savior. Estrella means “Star” in English, and she has certainly become a star! Let me tell you why.

Last March, during a construction project in “Oro Verde,” Director Chuck Cook, a group of young people from Alaska, and I became acquainted with Estrella. She suffered from strabismus, commonly known as crossed eyes. She was born with this problem and had never been treated for it. Her mother told me Estrella quit going to school when she was in her first grade of primary school because her classmates used to laugh at her and call her names. Instead of learning, she was being affected psychologically.



Estrella and her mom.

We later found out Estrella’s eye problem could be fixed through surgery. God placed in the hearts of these young people from Alaska the desire to help Estrella with the cost of the surgery, since her family is very poor. These young Alaskans worked hard to raise the money to perform the surgery at a hospital in Managua.

God’s timing for Estrella was to patiently wait for seven months. Tests had to be run, and she had to be evaluated several times, before the surgery was performed. After a long wait, on October 24, she received the operation. Thank the Lord, everything went well!

After the surgery, this is what Estrella said, “I was so nervous before the surgery, but I knew the Lord was holding me in his hands. I thank God and all my supporters. Thank you so much to all the people like Chuck Cook, Jessy Countryman, Vicky, and the others who always kept me in their prayers. I cannot find a way to pay you back for what you have done, but I know God will reward you for your help. And please, just in the same way I was helped, keep helping other children who are in the same or worse situation. God Bless you all! I hope to see you all soon.”

Estrella now looks more radiant than a star. She is thinking about becoming a Christian in the near future and going back to school to learn how to read and write.

May God bless all the people who, in one way or another, help our brothers and sisters from Nicaragua see their dreams become a reality. Please pray for Estrella’s quick and full recovery. If you ever get to meet her or see her, please encourage her in the Lord.



Estrella before eye surgery.



Estrella after eye surgery.



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, contact Kim Bradley at the Project H.O.P.E. office 886-HOPE (4673) or by email, kim@pjhope.org.

Thank you to our current office volunteers:

Steve Carpenter
Heather Gilbert
Michelle Hayter
Mary Ann Lengyel
Barbara Robinson
Cathy Smith
Jane Smith
Mary Walker
E.W. Woolley



Give the Gift of Time

If you can volunteer an occasional Friday morning or afternoon to answer the phone and greet visitors, please contact Stacey Schultz at the Project H.O.P.E. office 886-HOPE (4673) or by email, Stacey@pjhope.org.

2008 Highlights from *Furia Santa*

By *Marvin Sanchez*

My name is Marvin Sánchez. I work with Project H.O.P.E. full-time as Director of Social Programs – *Furia Santa*. As 2008 comes to an end, I am happy the goals set at the beginning of this year have been achieved.

This ministry for the youth who roam the streets has been impacted by the construction projects, medical clinics and festivals. With the help of the Project H.O.P.E. Directors, volunteer team members, and the hard work from local pastors, so much has been accomplished.

This year Jesus Christ was shared within the ministry of “*Furia Santa*” to more than 3,000 youth. The projects with the most impact are as follows:

- Soccer project in Ciudad Sandino 1,500
- Walk in Ciudad Sandino 200
- Two Kung-Fu demonstrations 300
- Boxing tournaments in the Barrios 100
- Glue sniffers, prostitutes and homosexuals 100
- Visits to jails 500
- Ongoing Soccer Leagues in the Ciudad Sandino area 150
- Last minute Soccer Leagues in the Greater Managua area 600



2008 has been a year of victory in the Lord! We have been showered with the powerful and sincere prayers from Project H.O.P.E. volunteers and donors. Without them, the work of the Lord would be a bit harder to do. Thank you USA staff, volunteers and donors for helping us serve the people of our country. Have a Merry Christmas!

WILD GAME FEED

Larry & Janet White would like to treat you to their Annual Wild Game Feed held at White's Auto Restyling at 1453 E. St. Louis Street. This is an event you'll not want to miss!



For more information
call 865-8400

**Friday, December 12
11:10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1453 E. St. Louis Street
Springfield, Missouri**

My name is Moisés Orózco, and I am a beneficiary in Las Penitas. On behalf of all my neighbors from Sinai Valley, I want to thank Project H.O.P.E. for providing houses and potable water lines for the neediest people of my community.

I have made wonderful friends from the United States whom I will never forget. Thank you “Gringos” for talking to our community about GOD! I enjoyed my time as we sang together to God every morning and as we thanked our Lord for all of the good things and blessings He has poured in our lives. I wish Project H.O.P.E. never stops reaching out to the many poor people from Nicaragua.

The Bible talks that faith should be accompanied by works, and this is what our Gringo friends have done and are still doing it! Thank you all for your generous hearts.



Moisés Orózco

Project H.O.P.E. 2009 Team Trip Dates

January 23-31, 2009

Team Leader: Larry White

Medical Team - Various Locations in Nicaragua – Springfield, MO Area Volunteers, with several from East Grand Church of Christ

February 16-23, 2009

Team Leader: Kim Bradley

Concert & Gospel Sharing Team – Festival to be held in Leon. Fellowship Bible Church (Rogersville, MO) Volunteers

March 8-15, 2009

Team Leaders: Chuck Cook & Rick Bryant

March 16-24, 2009

Team Leader: Chuck Cook

Construction Teams – Homes in Somoto
Volunteers from Hurley, MO, Soldotna, AK & Tampa, FL

Note: This team is OPEN. Contact us to join the team and to make airline arrangements from the airport nearest you.

May 24-31, 2009

Team Leader: Chuck Cook

Rotary International Wheelchair Project—Distribution of more than 800 wheelchairs
Rotarians from Soldotna, AK & Masaya, Nicaragua

June 7-14, 2009

Team Leader: Kim Bradley

Construction Team – Homes in Bosques de Xiloa
Fellowship Bible Church of the Ozarks (Rogersville, MO), First Baptist Church (Marianna, FL) and Woodland Hills Community Church (Branson, MO)

June 19-27, 2009

Team Leaders: Larry Lewis

Construction Team – Location TBD
First Baptist Church (Nixa, MO)

July 7-15, 2009

Team Leader: Roger Lea

Soccer Project with Kingdom Sports Products, Gary Longanecker & Bob Roberts
“Wings of Morning” performing group from the Atlanta, GA area

July 18 – 25, 2009

Team Leader: Steve Ijames

Construction Team – Homes in Bosques de Xiloa
Calvary Baptist Church (Republic, MO), James River Assembly of God (Ozark, MO) and Springfield Police Department

August 2-9, 2009

Team Leader: David Patterson

Construction Team – Homes in Ciudad Sandino area
United Methodist Church (Lee's Summit, MO)

August 15-22, 2009

Team Leader: Bruce Moran

Construction Team – Homes in Bello Amanacer
Note: This team is OPEN. Contact us to join the team and to make airline arrangements from the airport nearest you.

August 29 – Sept 5, 2009

Team Leader: Larry White

Construction Team – Location TBD East Grand Church of Christ (Springfield, MO)



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