

OPEN EYES MINISTRIES
8TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
NEWSLETTER
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“In God we have boasted all day long and we will give thanks to Your Name forever.”

I remember when: **THE CALL**

We received that wonderful calling on our life to Nicaragua in January, 1999 and our journey beyond belief which started on October 26, 1999, as I drove to Leon, Nicaragua and Arlene flew from Knoxville to fulfill our calling

I remember when: **THE MINISTRY**

God in no uncertain terms said this is what you are to do.
“Use your gifts that I have given you and the gifts of those who will come along side of you to spread the gospel across Nicaragua.”

I remember when: **THE HARDSHIPS**

Leaving family, church, friends and selling or giving away most of our earthly possessions to go to a country where we knew no one nor spoke the language. We experienced sickness and disappointment in people, and organizations that dealt less than lovingly with us but the blessings have far outweighed any problems.

I remember when: **THE VISION**

That God gave us and that same vision is what drives us everyday.
1.Leadership 2.Evangelism 3.Cell Groups 4.Discipleship and 5.Sending
The vision remains the same although the methods change from time to time.

I remember when: THE HELP

As Faith Promise Church sent Arlene and me out as missionaries, little did we think that so many others would join with us through God's calling. Churches, individuals, and organizations have blessed us immensely through prayer, finances, and mission/action teams. What a tremendous blessing to work with godly men and women to change a whole region of the world. God also brought a wonderful team of Nicaraguans, Hondurans and Costa Ricans to work with us.

I remember when: GOD EXPANDED THE CALL

To include not only Nicaragua but in 2004, to move also to Honduras and in 2006 to also include Costa Rica. And beginning soon we hope to make our vision and passion known in Panama at the request of many pastors.

I REMEMBER THE RESULTS:

- Over 1,400,000 decisions for Christ.
- Input into up to 20,000 cell groups
- Thousands graduated from Leadership Training level 1-5
- 204 mission/action teams from across the USA
- 37 crusades which cause the gospel to be presented across all barriers
- Many churches and houses being built including 3 churches as I write this
- Our feeding program for 100 needy children each day, supporting kindergartens, students, and pastors
- Input into over 3000 churches across these 3 countries
- Police, firemen, businessmen, schools, and sports ministry leading people to Christ through meeting their needs.

It has been such an exciting time for Arlene and I and God has given us so much in return for following His Call. We give Him all the honor, glory, and praise and look forward to the next 8 years, no matter where we will be.

We pray that you will step out on faith when He calls and reap the blessings also as many of you have already experienced.

PLEASE JOIN US

- In prayer for supernatural revival in these countries
- In a mission/action team trip
- In prayer about your financial support
- In prayer for laborers; for the fields are ripe with harvest

Arlene and I will be in the USA from November 20-January 4, 2008 and will be speaking to churches in Louisville, KY., Gainesville, FL., and Middlesboro, KY. We would love to hear from you at 865-256-1591/256-1593

We love you and remain your servants.

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