

“THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU, ALL THINGS FOR WHICH YOU PRAY AND ASK, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THEM, AND THEY WILL BE GRANTED YOU.” MARK 11:24

We have been so blessed in the last 3 months to have had as our “intern” Michelle Thompson.

“I came to Nicaragua in June 2007 with my church. I have been on several mission trips before but this one was different and really changed my heart. I felt such a connection with the people here and knew I had to come back. At this point I was getting ready to start my freshman year of college, when I found out that OEM had an intern program. I contacted Arlene and she gave me some more information. I began to ask God what He wanted me to do: go to college or do the intern program. After much prayer I felt like God was calling me to be an intern for 3 months with Open Eyes. I came down on January 4th and I left April 2nd. God did many awesome things in me and through me while I was there. I had no idea what to expect coming down here, but it was better than anything I could have imagined. While I was there I prayed about what God would have me do next.: return to the states and go to college, work, or possibly come back and work with OEM. Again I prayed and asked God what He wanted me to do. And again after much prayer I felt like God was directing me to be a part of this ministry as the next step in my life. So on June 28, 2008 I will return to Central America to work with OEM for a year. In July, I have been given the opportunity to go to language school in Leon, Nicaragua for a month to work on my Spanish skills. I have no idea what the future holds, but I know that it is in God’s hands. And I thank God for giving me this experience and I know there will be many more to come.”

- Michelle Thompson

Please keep Michelle in your prayers as she follows God’s call. We also are pleased to announce that Pastor Edier Valverde will be joining our team full time beginning on June 15, 2008. Pastor Edier has demonstrated in this past year, as he worked for OEM on a part time basis, that he is a visionary, dedicated to reach Costa Rica and beyond for God’s glory. His responsibilities will be to maintain and expand God’s vision for OEM over all of Costa Rica. Please pray for Pastor Edier, his wife Katie, and his children Catherine and Andres.

God has continued to be so faithful to his promises and is continuing to expand our territory beyond its borders. As most know we are feeding children in two places in Honduras and hope to begin the feeding stations in Triunfo, Honduras and Pijije, Costa Rica soon. Operation Future is all about providing a future for the children.

Arlene and I will be arriving in the USA on April 22 and will be traveling around sharing our vision until June 12th. If you would like to contact us our phone is 865-256-1591 which also works in Central America.

We love you and may God continue to bless you.

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PRAY FOR THESE TEAMS:

- ⇒ April 5-11: Northstar in Honduras (medical)
- ⇒ April 12-19: JAM in Costa Rica (crusade)
- ⇒ May 17-24: Ron Burgess in Honduras (evangelism)