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MINISTRY UPDATE

AvanceKids Sponsors

As the kids ministry of the churches grow, so too does their financial need. Right now each church is receiving \$50 each month to fund AvanceKids, but they are seeing so much growth that they now need more funds! It is a blessing to see them go to new communities to reach kids, and I am praying that the funds come in soon to help them continue growing.

Furlough Fundraising

I am coming back on furlough mainly to try to raise the funds for the two projects I detailed below- the technology upgrade for kids ministries and the development of the camp ministry. Please pray with me that God would provide the funds needed for these crucial next steps!

Personal Health

I have not discussed it much but these past I have not discussed it much but these past few months have been challenging for me health-wise. I ended up having my gallbladder removed after having kidney stones and gallstones at the same time, and have dealt with COVID and the flu. As I'm sure you can guess, I do not enjoy constantly having a health issue during the busiest ministry moments of my life, and I would appreciate your prayers, especially as I travel to the states and back.

2023 was my favorite year of ministry ever! If you have ever heard me talk about kids ministry, you know that I could potentially go on about my ideas and opinions for hours. The great news about what I do in Nicaragua is that people actually want me to talk about it for hours (at least they haven't told me to stop yet). I got to launch AvanceKids, and in the last half of the year began traveling to individual churches to do more hands-on training of volunteers and leaders. What has been most exciting to me is the high level of interest the leaders in these churches have for learning these churches have for learning these churches have for learning and growing. They genuinely WANT to know how they can reach more kids with the Gospel, and I love that I get to be a part of that (and if you support me, you are too).

It is thanks to my supporters that AvanceKids exists. Thank you so much for caring about the souls of kids in Nicaragua! I am now moving to the second phase of my plan: Upgrading the technology and

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resources of each church I work with to better engage and disciple the kids in their community. The first part of phase two is raising about \$7,000 to buy a computer, TV, and sound system for each church to fully utilize our curriculum plan. The second is a little larger (maybe more is a little larger (maybe more than a little). I have met with architects and engineers to architects and engineers to develop the land we already own into a fully functioning camp ministry! Ever since I introduced the idea of a kids camp, I hear constantly from kids and churches how excited they are to start ours soon, and developing this land will provide us exactly what we need to make

an eternal impact in Nicaragua.

I will be home on
furlough for a few months
starting in March, and still have a
few open dates! I would love to share my heart and vision for Nicaragua with you and your church. Let's get in touch and see how you can be FOR the kids and families of Nicaragua!



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