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PRAYER REQUESTS

AvanceKids Support

Did you know it actually costs money to run a really good kids ministry? Who knew! With this big change to a new kids ministry philosophy comes a need to grow the kids ministry budget of our churches from \$0 per month to something a little more manageable. If you, your church, or someone you know can spare \$50 a month to help reach kids with the Gospel, please let me know!

Water Issues

This is one of those times you remember you don't live in the US anymore. I have been dealing with a pretty significant lack-of-water situation where I live for over 2 months now, and there have been no answers as to when it will return to normal. Please pray for the situation to resolve as soon as possible (for me and for the people who have to smell me when I don't have water for a shower).

Missions Teams

The start of AvanceKids means lots of opportunities for missions teams to get down here and help these churches get their kids ministries up and running! How much begging do I have to do to get your church down here?



MINISTRY UPDATE



AvanceKids is up and running! After a year of learning and multiple months of planning, I am very happy to say that we launched our nation-wide kids ministry program on March 18th. We had over 70 people of all ages come to learn how we can more effectively share the Gospel with and disciple kids. Each of the churches I work with has now been trained in new curriculum, a new VBS program, new methods of discipleship, and new ways to reach the kids in their communities. Obviously this is more than can be perfected in a one-Saturday event (no matter how hard I try), but it was a great start. The plan now is to travel to each church over the next couple months and meet with their leaders to discuss next steps and assess needs within their ministry.

I have also had the best time for the past few months teaching in the Avance Seminary here in Managua (I swear the students enjoy it)! I am using my time walking through spiritual leadership as a not-so-subtle

way of turning them into children's ministry fanatics. Is it working? Maybe. Will I continue? No doubt.

The most exciting news I get to share is that I was able to personally lead someone to the Lord for the first time since I arrived in Nicaragua! While I have seen dozens and dozens of people saved through ministry here since last March, this was a very special moment for me. If you haven't heard it recently, thank you for giving to missions! It is because of the people reading this update who support missions that I was able to share the Gospel with Alvaro.

There are tons of missions teams getting trips set up to be involved in AvanceKids right now! I have so much in the works to reach as many kids as possible, from VBS's, kids camps, and even some cool construction projects (we're gonna blow some kids' minds with the best playground equipment in Nicaragua). Come be a part! Come see what God is doing in Central America.



Scan this QR code to see a short video and learn more about missions in Nicaragua!



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