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**Hurricane Relief** 

As you may have seen on the news, Hurricane Julia just hit Nicaragua and left a lot of destruction. Our church in the town of El Rama was completely underwater for multiple days, and we are currently raising funds to support those who lost everything in the storm. Please considering donating! Our hope is to provide food and clothing to the families in need.

## Visa Process

Just last week I had my first official meetings to hopefully obtain my residency visa. This is extremely vital for me to continue in my current capacity and stay in good legal standing with the government. Please pray that this process goes quickly and smoothly.

## Spiritual Health

Business and stress are often the biggest reasons I find myself feeling distant in my relationship with God. With recent difficult situations in my personal and professional life, I have repeatedly found myself neglecting my own spiritual walk. Pray that I would continue to seek God and His will for my life daily.

## MINISTRY UPDATE



After many months of difficulties I was finally able to purchase a truck, which--as anyone who has a truck knows--meant that I suddenly had many new requests and responsibilities. It also allowed me to truly begin doing ministry on my own (big shout-out to my missionary partners Wade and Shannon for shuttling me around and continuing to show me the and continuing to show me the ropes!). I have spent the past few months driving to what feels like every corner of the country getting to know the different people and cultures around Nicaragua.

Among many things, my primary responsibilities have included leading worship, helping establish a new church plant, teaching chapel in our Seminary, tons of pastoral care

for our Nicaraguan pastors and staff, and learning as much as I can about the lives of kids and families here so that we can officially begin launching and

improving new kids ministries across Nicaragua.

My initial plan when I arrived in Nicaragua was to take about a year to learn more about my new culture and listen to the my new culture and listen to the experience of Nicaraguan leadership. However, clearly God saw my projected time-line and laughed! I took a short trip back state-side for the BBFI conference at my sending church, but in the days before I left I had great meetings with some of the Nicaraguan pactors regarding Nicaraguan pastors regarding what the next steps are to improve their existing kids ministries, leading to us creating a much sooner execution of my plan than I expected. The leaders of one church actually approached me asking me to come and run trainings for their kids ministry team. Needless to say, I now have a lot of exciting things in the works that I can't wait to tell you all about soon!



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



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