



LOVE IN ACTION AND TRUTH

# MINISTRY UPDATE

“He will keep in perfect peace all who trust in Him, and all whose thoughts are fixed on Him! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal rock.”

- Isaiah 26:3-4



## The Growth of Faith Community Jinotega

Pastor Evers moved to Jinotega to lead Faith Community Jinotega in April. It has been a slow, difficult process made even more difficult due to social distancing brought on by COVID-19. As in the states, face to face services were canceled for some weeks. Pastor Evers shared with Heilyn how happy he is to see things happening -

***“The church is restarting face to face meetings, and five new families have begun attending. During the worst of the pandemic, the church along with HMC, has been providing food and medicines for those in need in the community around the church. Through this ministry, we have been able to share the gospel, meet some physical needs, and pray for some of the families in our community. We continue to pray for God to make a way for us to meet the spiritual needs of the families as He gently calls them to His side. I have been reminded of the work of the early church in Acts 2:42-45, and may God add to our numbers daily, too.”***

- Pastor Evers



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# The Growth of Faith Community Masaya

“Though hopeful at the beginning of 2020, we, as a country, were completely unprepared to face such a medical emergency as the COVID-19 pandemic. With the closure of the church, we sought ways to feed the flock from home. **We overcame the difficulties of the pandemic to continue to guide and direct the brothers of the church in an encouraging and effective way.** As a church, we continued with only a single Sunday service for one hour, imposing the guidelines of social distancing and encouraging the use of masks for those who had them. Added to all the uncertainty was the economic crisis brought on by the pandemic. Unemployment that was already high, went higher. Businesses closed and many wondered how they would survive. **By the grace of God, the Church with the support of Highlands Mission, was able provide for many of these families. We are grateful to God that we could continue this support through the worst of the pandemic.**

One elderly couple stands out in our minds. In the darkest of days, God led us to their door with a load of supplies. With tears in their eyes they shared that all week they had nothing to feed the pain of hunger in their bellies, but God answered their prayers. The elderly couple with great faith proclaimed as we were leaving that God is good! What a great and moving miracle God allowed us to witness and be a part of!

**Things are improving little by little. We have been encouraging several new members who have come to join us.”**

*- Pastor Nelson and Milena*



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## Ministry Partnerships Expand Our Outreach



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When we started Highlands Mission Cooperative, we wanted to partner with other ministries. **From something as simple as being a conduit for funding, to bringing ministries under our charter with the government that allows for them to receive support, another positive from the pandemic is that God is opening doors for us to work with other ministries.**

In the past month, we've had two such opportunities. **New Jerusalem Ministries** is building restroom facilities at their location in Los Robles where they have the Hope Center. They focus on working with low resource children, feeding them, helping with tutoring and sharing the gospel message. HMC is partnering with them in a 3-to-1 matching funds arrangement to fund bath house construction. Along with the matching funds, HMC will be providing the workers to construct the restroom facilities.

In another opportunity HMC has been approached by the **Orphan Network** to see if we would like to start a feeding program in Jinotega or outlying communities. They offered to supply the soy and rice for the program if HMC would support it. We've been in contact with a couple of communities about this opportunity.

**Be in prayer for Yadiel and Stephanie, our tentative new HMC missionaries in the region. We have been trying to get them to Nicaragua but so far, we have been on hold due to COVID travel restrictions. We know that in God's timing all things will come together.**



## USA News and Note of Thanksgiving

I cannot express to you how proud I am of our team. They have molded to meet each challenge we've faced. The past four years have forced us to be nimble in our approach to the work God has called us to do. **I've felt from the beginning that we were to prepare and train Nicaraguans for the work of the ministry and then let them go to work. The political crisis and now the global pandemic have been catalysts in getting us to this point.**

Each of our team members has grown and discovered their role in the bigger picture. HMC is so blessed for the entire team, and God will be adding new members in His timing. As mentioned earlier, please pray for Yadiel and Stephanie. They're a precious couple gifted in ministry to serve in the city or rural village. We look forward to having them on board soon.

**I'm anxious to return to Nicaragua, but I'm also thankful for the team God has given us. It is an awesome feeling to know that the ministry continues every day, even in my absence.** Here in the USA, I've been working feverishly on our "forever home" in Brunswick.

Remodeling and renewing our home has taken the bulk of time every day during the lockdown and travel ban. I've never thought it would take this long, but we're getting close! I'm thankful for the time and so very blessed to be able to afford to do the work.

The next phase of our life will be Mary Beth's retirement and transition to the ministry, which we hope to be working on in early 2021.

**Thank you so much for your continued support—financially, to allow the work to continue, as well as prayers for our safety and the safety of our team and for the Lord's work and provision. We cannot do what we do without each of you.**

- Dan

