

Wednesday, January 24: Each of VBS days follow a similar schedule. Wednesday is unique because we go to the local school, who allows us to use their facilities for our VBS, early to decorate and prepare. Then we head back to Maricela's neighborhood and prepare the food for our snacks and go over the lessons with our helpers. Last year we had 300 different kids and about 240-250 each day!

Thursday, January 25: Seems like a light day since all we have planned is our VBS in the afternoon; however, the Lord always opens up opportunities for additional ministry. Last year we were able to visit a faithful couple with some major medical needs and assist them with some basic medical supplies and medicine.

Friday, January 26: This is a full day of VBS, we rise a little earlier, and prepare for a morning VBS session and an afternoon session. 2 in 1 day! Then we clean up and clean the school as a thank you for letting us use the facilities. They will begin school the following week, so a good cleaning helps them out and allows us to share the gospel with the teachers.

Saturday, January 27: We have planned a day to take our Nicaraguan VBS volunteers to the river. It's about a 2-hour drive and a place the locals love to go but rarely have an opportunity to visit because of transportation. It is a beautiful setting with two waterfalls and lots of God's creativity to marvel at! We pack a picnic lunch of fried chicken which is a favorite of the whole group including the Americans!

Sunday, January 28: We have the privilege of being involved, teaching, preaching and usually our girls singing in worship services at Iglesia Divino Salveido, the church where Maricela and her family worship and serve. We always love worship in in Nicaragua, what a beautiful picture of the diversity of heaven!

Monday, January 29: We will travel to Tola where we will be taking our family vacation in the area of Tola, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. On the way we will stop in Masaya for a little shopping and lunch. We will take Michelle and Hunter to Managua where we will part ways as they head back to the states.

Tuesday January 30 – Sunday, February 4: We love this time of rest and the opportunity to take Nicaraguan friends with us. Of course, we will have our driver Tio Miguel, Jeffrid, Maricela and their son Nathan, Jocksil, Heidi and their baby and the Lord will place a couple others we have room for. It is a pleasure to encourage those who serve the Lord or need a touch from Him and to share everything together.

Monday, February 5: We will return to Juigalpa picking up Marc on the way. When we get back to Juigalpa we will prepare for a new adventure! We have to purchase all the additional supplies (food, water, etc...) we need because this year we will be visiting the island of El Terron beginning Tuesday!

Tuesday, February 6: We will have to travel a few hours by van, and then by boat. We will be in a rustic setting (hammock's and mosquito nets) that is an outreach of our Nica VBS team. Our desire is simple: that the gospel will be proclaimed and they will know how important it is simply because it was important enough for us to come all the way to them.

Wednesday, February 7: Several people will come from the smaller islands and we will do a one-day VBS sharing the gospel and spending the day with them.

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Thursday, February 8: We will make the journey back to Juigalpa and get some rest. We are told this trip wears the locals out so pray for us as we try to keep up!

Friday, February 9: We will travel to Granada to visit Mitch and Judy and catch up with friends from Granada who we met on our very first trip almost 5 years ago! We will also say good bye to Marc today as he will fly back to the states.

Saturday, February 10: We will see how we can serve the lost and encourage the saints during our time in Granada.

Sunday, February 11: Attend services at Pastor Jose' Church outside of Granada. And then head to Managua to catch our return flight to the US.

Monday, February 12: Catch our 2am flight and arrive early morning in Fort Lauderdale and drive home to Wauchula!

This itinerary is just a guide, a plan prayed over and developed with locals who know their context. Every day we desire the Lord alone to direct our steps. We make plans so we can be prepared but we are flexible to whatever needs present themselves when they present themselves. We have discussed some construction and painting projects and lots of other needs so we will see how the Lord directs. I am reminded and will leave you with this section from the book entitled *Insanity of Obedience*, "Believers in persecution suggest how this might take place. They say to us, "You come to our country with a Western plan on how to fish for lost souls. As a Westerner, you choose your fishing rod, the fishing line, and the size of fishing hook. You even choose where to fish. Can we suggest a different approach? We know our people. We can choose the best fishing pole and the right weight of the line, and we know what size hooks to use. "As we fish here in our own culture, can we use you as fishing bait?" That is a crucial and important question. They go on: "Are you willing to give up the central role that traditional workers have modeled and allow us to fish with you? People in our cultures do not know whom they can trust when they have dreams and visions; they don't know who to talk with when God has touched their hearts. They see you as safe people with whom they can share their spiritual dilemma and pilgrimage. You can have hundreds of spiritual conversations while a local person could possibly have a dozen. So, are you willing to be bait for Jesus and allow us to gather in a harvest of local souls?" I love to fish. I did not say that I am good at fishing; I just love to fish. One thing I do know about the sport of fishing is that it is very dangerous for the bait. Are we willing to be bait for Jesus?" Maybe being fishers of men means something totally different than what we thought!

Thanks in Advance for Praying!



WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

Morning Worship Service

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Invocation & Welcome

God of Wonders

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Scripture Reading & Prayer

Revelation Song

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Shannon & Elizabeth Bradley

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FLIP - Mark 11:15-19

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I pray each of you have had a great year so far. Thank you to each of you who pray for us and show your care for our family. This will be less of an article and more of a personal and family update. We entered the new year as a family of only 8. The sibling group we have been caring for the last 18 months have been relocated. Everything is progressing well with them and their family and their mom, Eva, whom many of you have met, is doing very well. Please keep praying for her and the kids as they progress towards reunification at the end of February. Thank you for all the love and care you showed to the kids while they were with us; we are praying the impact will change their lives forever and they will choose to follow Christ with their lives.

Since our recent changes we also have a house guest for the next couple weeks! Maricela Gonzalez, our friend, translator, and co-worker in Christ for the gospel in Nicaragua is here with us till January 22 when we all fly to Nicaragua. I hope you will make an effort to greet her and have an opportunity to get to know her while she is here in the US. We are hoping to expose her to American culture. One author said, "you cannot truly understand your country until you have lived in at least two others." Few of us have done that but time in another country definitely helps you with perspective and appreciation for your own home. We pray this trip will help her better understand her country and her mission to the people of Nicaragua.

As I said we will all be flying to Nicaragua on January 22, Maricela returning home and the Bishop Family who will be traveling for 3 weeks in Nicaragua following God's leading on mission with Him. This trip we have the blessing of traveling with Michelle and Hunter Graham who will be with us for one week (1/22 – 1/29) and Marc, our Youth Pastor, who will join us for a few days (2/5-2/9). We will spend one week doing a VBS style ministry, one week of vacation in the area of Tola, and a third week doing ministry on an island called El Terron, on Lake Nicaragua. We as a family covet your prayers as we desire to serve God and share His love with the people of Nicaragua. Here is our proposed itinerary:

Monday January 22: The Bishop's (Chris, Tasha, Johnathan, Katelyn, Catherine, Lydia, Morgan & Alexander), the Graham's (Michelle & Hunter), and Maricela will leave Wauchula around 1pm and head to Ft. Lauderdale. We will eat dinner together and then get checked in and settled in at the airport and await our 11:45pm flight to Managua.

Tuesday, January 23: Our flight arrives about 1:00am local time. We will go through immigration and customs (with our own translator!) and then load our supplies and begin our 4-hour drive to Juigalpa, Nicaragua. We will arrive around 6am and unload quickly and try to sleep for a few hours. Usually by 10 or 11 we have a late breakfast and then with the help of all the local friends we begin sorting our supplies. We will go and purchase whatever local supplies and food we need and prepare for the first day of VBS.

New Hope's Goal:
\$6,500
Given to date:
\$4,499.57

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The nursery needs volunteers for Wednesday nights. Usually there are two or three babies. Who doesn't love babies? See Julie or MaryAnn to sign up.



Happy Birthday!

Jan 9-Maurice Henderson
 Jan 10-Caroline Durrance

Sunday Services

Nursery.....13
 Morning Worship.....88

Giving Record

Tithes & Offering.....\$4,804.00
 Designated.....\$1,140.00
 Budget Needs/Week..\$7,056.00

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Jan 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
7 Guest Speakers Shannon & Elizabeth Bradley	8 7pm Deacon's Meeting	9 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	10	11 Meal Delivery: Linda Smith	12	
14	15 6pm Stewardship Meeting	16	17 Business Meeting 7p	18 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford		
21 REVERB	22 Bishops leave for Nicaragua	23	24	25 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 February Meal Delivery: Cyndi Fischer	2	3
	5 Marc leaves for Nicaragua 7pm Deacon's Meeting	6 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	7	8 Meal Delivery: Alma Durrance	9	10 Marc returns from Nicaragua

COUNTING COMMITTEE - JANUARY 2018
 Jo Smith, Helga Shackelford, Sandra Moore

WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
 9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
 Kids' Church K-5
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)
 G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
 Women's Bible Study
 Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

USHERS OF THE WEEK

Winston Smith
 Kole Robertson
 Matt Chapman
 Binky Graham

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 7-January 13
 Damon Hughes 781-0679
 January 14-January 20
 David Moore 781-1550



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We're so glad you're here!

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 kari jobe
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 jordan feliz
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When: January 13th. Meet @ NHBC @ 2pm
 Will return at 12am (approximately)
Where: Amalie Arena, Tampa
Cost: \$15 at the door. Plus meal money.

January 19-21
Cost: \$30



Guest Speaker:
Pastor Brody Holloway, Pastor and Co-Founder of Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters **snowbird WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS**

We are in need of four families who are willing to open their homes to our Jr/Sr High School students during the weekend of ReVerb, January 19-21, 2018.
 If you would like to host these students, please see Marc for more details.