



Visitors and friends ready to march into the new church



Pastor Rene and his wife Katherin cutting the ribbon



The ladies preparing chicken and mole. It was a grand feast!

## Church Dedication in Town Full of Witchcraft!

In a little village called Tajumulco at the base of the Tacaná mountain (the highest point in Central America) stands a freshly-painted, newly-dedicated holiness church. Excitement was thick on the day of the dedication. Women in their traditional garb scurried about preparing chicken and mole (a spicy sauce made with twenty-one ingredients) for the visitors who had come to be a part of the grand occasion. Pastor Rene stood with his wife, Katerin, ready to cut the ribbon as the people formed a parade to enter into this beautiful building. This was a long time coming!

Pastor Rene was saved years ago as an immigrant in one of HIM's Spanish churches in Florida. He later felt God laying a burden on his heart for the people of his village. Tajumulco is full of witchcraft. Altars, feathers from chickens used as sacrifices, candles, and other paraphernalia can be seen strewn along the paths. But it was here over several years with sweat, blood, and tears that God helped Rene establish a church. John Dykes and a team from Mission Helps were able to build the main structure, and many others supported in helping them buy windows, paint, chairs, etc. Pastor Rene was moved to tears as he testified to God's faithfulness in making this dream come true! It was a day of great celebration, laughter, and joy and also a day for some really good eatin'. Praise God for this lighthouse in the midst of spiritual darkness!

## Without Spot or Wrinkle—Ladies Retreat 2022

Seventeen ladies gathered together on a beautiful campground in the mountains to be part of the annual ladies' retreat. This year's theme was "Without Spot or Wrinkle." Laundry, an ironing board, a wash board, and soaps decorated the hall to set the tone. It was a weekend of drawing closer to God. Several speakers talked on a variety of topics. One message was on lukewarmness and the dangers of drifting spiritually. Other messages dealt with how to have a clean and spotless heart, hanging your cares on the Lord, and being "squeezed out" by the pressures of life. It was a very enriching time, and the Lord's presence descended on the services in a very special way. Everyone just basked in His glory. Many of the women came forward to pray during the services, settling issues with the Lord and gaining spiritual strength. Hannah did a fantastic job organizing this event. Despite recently being operated on, she moved forward with the retreat. She was very thankful she did, because God used it to speak to many hearts!



The ladies who attended the retreat



Listening intently to the Word of God



# Youth in Action

We have been working on getting our youth more involved in ministry, especially in the areas of service and evangelism. Near our Las Uvas church there is a large soccer field where many of the local young people like to hang out on the weekends. We have used this as a opportunity for friendship evangelism. We took our youth to the field, and they mixed and mingled with the teens in Las Uvas to play soccer. After several matches we would stop and call everyone together to share a challenge from God’s Word. Some of the teens who came to play have since visited our youth services. We hope to continue building bridges to these young people.

Another ministry our teens have been involved in has been helping people in our church who because of age or lack of resources have struggled in life. There is an elderly brother and sister who attend our church who have a large yard they have had difficulty maintaining. So our youth got their rakes and shovels and did a great job cleaning up the garbage and clearing the rocks on the property. What a blessing!

We recently took some of our young people to a youth revival in San Pedro Sula. Three of our teens went forward to pray to get right with God. Would you help us pray that all of our young people will determine to serve the Lord? There are still many spiritual needs among them.



Playing soccer during one of our outreaches



Clearing rocks and debris from the property of some elderly folk



The elderly brother and sister who were so grateful for our teams’ help



Pastor Danilo and his family in Managua



Ministering in the Achupapas church



Pastor Julio Villareyna and his family

## A Visit to Nicaragua

It was our privilege as a family to be able to travel to Nicaragua to visit our HIM pastors and their families. Our first stop was in Managua with pastor Danilo Vanegas, his wife, Karla, and their two daughters, Gaby and Katherin. Due to the pandemic it had been close to two years since my last visit. I was encouraged to see how God has been helping them in their young church plant. There were new faces in the crowd, a good group of children and a wonderful sense of God’s presence in the services. This family has faced tremendous hardship, but they are fighters, and they keep pressing forward. Since our visit Danilo has told me their numbers have grown, and a young couple who had caused a lot of problems and heartache have returned and apologized. Praise the Lord!

We left Managua and returned north, where we stopped to visit pastor Julio Villareyna and his family. What a blessing to minister at a preaching point and two other churches he pastors. God met with us in the services and we had good times of prayer with seekers around the altar. We enjoyed our time of fellowship with Julio’s family. Two of their children, who are studying medicine at the university, were able to be home the weekend we were there. My, how all four of their children have grown! We also got to see the brand new parsonage Julio recently finished building. He did a great job and has worked hard. We came home encouraged. God is continuing to reach souls and grow His church in Nicaragua. Hallelujah!



# Emergency Surgery!

“Eric, take me to the hospital. I can’t bear the pain.” Tuesday, April 26, Hannah woke up with a sharp pain in her side. She assumed it was a kidney stone attack like she thought she had had over the last five years. Hannah has a strong tolerance for pain, but by the afternoon when she asked to go to the hospital, I knew it had to be bad. The doctor started asking questions about the location of the pain and how intense it was and quickly said, “I think you have appendicitis. You need to get an ultrasound.” Hannah refused to believe it was her appendix. It just had to be a kidney stone. She was desperate for some relief, but the doctors would not prescribe any medication until they were certain what the problem was exactly. Hannah suffered for several hours in the hospital while exams and an ultrasound were done. The doctor who did her ultrasound was stunned at what he saw! There were two large cysts in her abdomen and several other smaller cysts. He recommended surgery as soon as possible! Reality began to sink in as we realized we were not dealing with a simple kidney stone. Hannah was facing emergency surgery. The cyst was crushing her appendix. The doctors were finally able to administer some pain killers, and she was kept at the hospital overnight as they waited the results of a few more tests and for personnel to be on duty the following morning for surgery.

While all this was happening, Hannah’s mother and sister miraculously were able to get tickets for a flight early that morning for Honduras. With the help of Daniel Melton, who was in Tegucigalpa at that time doing paper work, they arrived at the hospital just minutes before Hannah came out of surgery! The surgery lasted almost four hours. Hannah had two large cysts about the size of a football removed, along with her appendix and other cysts. She had no idea she had been living with these cysts all these years! Thank you to everyone who prayed for her. She is doing super! Still sore, but well on her way to a full recovery. God is so good!



One of the doctors took this picture during Hannah’s surgery.



Hannah’s mother and sister came to be with Hannah during her recovery. They were a tremendous blessing!



Hannah’s two main surgeons. Dr. Hansel is the gynecologist. We were able to have a long discussion with her about our lives and God’s goodness. She said she feels like God wants her to change, and she would like to visit our church sometime. Please pray for her and Dr. Pablo’s salvation!



In front of a “Big Ben” on a trip to Orlando, Florida

## The Adventures of Joe and Dan

Can you believe it? These boys are growing up so fast. Joseph turns 16 on June 30 and Daniel just turned 11 in April. My, how the time has flown! They are finishing up school. Their classes go until early June, so they are looking forward to summer vacation. These guys love to travel, and as a pastime they enjoy sitting around and talking about all the places they hope to visit someday. On top of Joe’s list is to go to England. Dan on the other hand would love to go to France and try out all their delicious food!

On our recent trip to Nicaragua these boys got to meet someone famous! On the back of the 200 Cordoba bill is a picture of this man and his horses and carriage. We got to ride in his carriage through the streets of Grenada! It was so much fun! In the picture they are holding one of the bills with his picture on it. How cool is that? This summer they will be off to Costa Rica for more adventures with a youth mission team from Beavertown God’s Missionary Church. Who knows what they will be up to next?



# Mexico City Literature Project



This year is World Cup—one of the biggest sporting events in the world. Millions of people will be watching to see what nation takes home the trophy for having the best soccer team. Latin America and especially Mexico are known for their love of soccer. During this time of heightened interest we want to plant seeds of the gospel. Thanks to Gospel Publishing Mission, a booklet has been developed for such an occasion. This booklet shares information about the history and sport of soccer, but it also gives a clear gospel message! We would like to link arms with GPM to distribute 500,000 of these booklets in Mexico City and another 100,000 in other parts of Mexico. Here is how you can get involved...

**Giving:** Would you consider giving towards the **\$120,300** needed to print and ship these books? This is a worthy investment. These books can be read and shared by multiple people. There will also be a page in the booklet with pastor Abel Rodriguez's information on it, our national field director in Mexico. He will be able to follow up with any calls from people who want to know more about a relationship with Jesus Christ and where to locate our churches in Mexico City and in Salamanca. The written word is a powerful tool for reaching people with the gospel. Help us by giving! Make your check out to HIM and mark in the memo, "Mexico City Literature Project." Your checks and gifts can be mailed to Hope International Missions, PO Box 1065, Hobe Sound, FL 33475.

**Going:** We need all hands on deck to help us distribute these booklets. Would you be willing and available to join us during one of the weeks of this distribution? Teams will be going from **November 21 thru December 17**. Would your church be interested in bringing a youth group? Would your school seniors be interested in making an unconventional senior trip they will never forget? Would you and your family like to have a cross-cultural ministry experience? This is a great opportunity! Please contact me if you are interested in knowing more. My email is [kuhns@inbox.com](mailto:kuhns@inbox.com). My WhatsApp is +504-9811-2661. You can also look me up on Facebook.

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