

Making a Difference



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What is the greatest gift we could ever receive? God's Son, Jesus Christ, who came into this world to give His life for our sins. What a joy it is to receive this gift and it is not just for us, it is for us to share with others. That is what we are doing in Nicaragua. The Lord has given us opportunities to share with a few families about His love. Please pray for Viera an 87 year old Russian lady whose daughter asked us to pray for her. She only speaks Russian, but our God speaks love through us! It may be a challenge, but we want to love Viera into His kingdom. A deaf man who is 40 and never spoke with signs, only voice and lip-reading has crossed our paths. We are teaching him English, Nica signs and God's love! He's not heard the gospel before. Make this Christmas the greatest yet, by receiving it for yourself and then giving it to someone else. (John 3:16, 17)

December seems to be a busy month for everyone. This month many Christmas parties are being planned, visit with family, shopping, baking, and sending out those once a year letters. Don't you just love it? Maybe not. Let us not forget that we can share the joy and peace of this season with others who are less fortunate than us. There are a lot of lonely people around us that could use an invitation, a word of encouragement, a hug, phone call, etc. Help us, O Lord to be sensitive to the needs around us and not get caught up in the business of the season and miss the opportunity to bless someone. This year Matt and I are inviting to our home some of our Deaf friends who unfortunately don't celebrate Christmas with their families. It will be a joyous time!

Below are pictures of our Preschool Graduates and 6th grade graduates 2008 which was held on Dec. 2nd. Thank you for all your prayers and support this year!



1 John 3: 16 – 20

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.”

Merry Christmas dear friends and have a wonderful safe holiday season! We send much love to you and pray God will provide and continually bless!

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