



Adult Mission Trip to Nicaragua

February 7 – 15

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We will be working with Larry and Donna Wright, founders of World Mission Outreach Center - registered in the US and Nicaragua as a non-profit humanitarian organization. The mission team will be staying at a retreat centre they established about nine years ago.

Out of this centre they have established:

- A local church with two pastors.
- They minister to the people of the area and facilitate church leaders who bring people together for retreats and training.
- Oakridge teams have built housing for staff.
- The Wrights founded and operate a school on the site.
When they arrived in the community nine years ago, less than 100 children attended school. Now over 500 children attend the school. Each year they have added a grade with qualified government certified teachers.
- Oakridge teams include teachers who give training and encouragement to the teachers.



- Three years ago Oakridge team members set up a computer lab with computers donated by TD Canada Trust.
 - They have established regular feeding programs in their community and in surrounding communities, now feeding over 19,000 children daily at 250 feeding stations throughout the region.
 - Last year the Wrights started another centre and school about five kilometers away and over 200 are in school at the new location.
 - They have established a safe water supply to the community. Oakridge assisted in the cost of drilling the 1000 foot deep well, which now supplies the entire community.
 - Medical Ministry International is running regular short term medical missions projects. This will develop into a permanent medical centre for the community.
 - Two years ago Oakridge teams took the lead in funding and building a large warehouse to facilitate the unloading and storage of food arriving in overseas containers.
- The centre distributes clothing to the people in the area
- Two years ago, Oakridge set up a bicycle repair shop which now employs two people. Used bicycles are collected, repaired and sold, providing income for the centre.



What will we be doing in February 2009?

The big project will be finishing the medical clinic and finishing the ceiling tile work, carpenter work, sheetrock work, plumbing and electric and painting. A few people will be helping out in the school. This is great encouragement to the teachers. (And interesting to Oakridge team members, since the language is Spanish)

There are a lot of miscellaneous repairs needed around the centre. Once we get the big projects started, we will develop the list of "over-due maintenance items". (This list always grows and has never been fully completed on past projects) We can use all the skills here. The electricians are especially busy as we try to get things sorted out and working.



If there are some unfinished aspects of the main house roof and related drainage issues from last years main project, we will finish them. (We replaced the entire roof on the main hacienda) There are always computer problems to sort out. And they always need extra help with the feeding programs.

Oakridge, as a community family church, has become very aware of our responsibility to those in poor countries. Many have given generously to go and to help others go. We are all richer as a result.

The amazing thing is, we who go, come home feeling we received much more than we gave.

Prayer Requests

For safety traveling and while in Nicaragua and for the work being done. For health as the team lives at the centre, that there be no illness and for flexible attitudes as materials and plans don't always go as scheduled.



Material Donations

We could use personal items such as travel shampoos, conditioners, soap, combs, hand creams, brushes, hair barrettes, face cloths, and feminine hygiene products. We need the travel variety, not the big bottles.

Sponsorship

Several individuals need help toward the cost for airfare, food and accommodation, if you can help with this need please contact a member of the missions committee.

2009 Mission Team

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