

Eyes, Ears and Hearts to Know God Nicaragua Mission Trip 2015

Twelve students, with their parents, Miss Schreiner and a few other brave souls met at the airport at 4:30 the morning of June 30 to board a plane for Managua, Nicaragua. One very brave student had to wait until the next day to travel by himself because of a passport problem. After a day-and-a-half of training with the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) staff in the town of Jinotepe, where the team stayed during their time in Nicaragua, the group began daily door-to-door Bible distribution in the town of Masatepe. Team members had opportunities to share the Gospel, share their own reasons for traveling that far to knock on doors, and even practice elementary Spanish. All of them were able to hand out Bibles to families that either had none or had one that was well worn. One member even got to lead a young lady to accept Jesus as her savior.



Afternoons were spent sharing the love of an amazing God as they played games, told Bible stories, shared dramas, and made new friends. One half of the team member worked at a garbage dump that had a community built up around it. One of the students in that group was so transformed by playing daily with what 'toys' they found in others' garbage that his thinking changed from what he needs to what he can now give. The other half of the group spent their afternoons in one of the poorest communities in Masatepe. Both groups came away with names and images of faces that will stay with them for a long time.



Beyond the daily interaction with the people of Masatepe, the group spent time with the YWAM staff worshipping the God who was leading them. They heard teaching that stretched their hearts and opened their eyes and ears to see God more fully in their daily lives. On the last night as they shared a time of debriefing, every one of them spoke of how their lives had been changed by this short time together. While zip lining down the volcanic mountain of a coffee plantation may have been a fun end to a great trip, what they remember most from this experience is what it feels like to have God speak to you, to know that voice speaking to you is none other than the God of the Universe who made heaven and earth and who loves you no matter where or how you live.

