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Hello to All,

Mike & I have been up to our ears in gallo pinto since Mike returned home. We first want to thank all of you who responded to our request for additional support so that Mike could go to the US and obtain the CPAP. We also want to thank all those that provided housing, transportation, guidance, prayers, fellowship and brotherly love to Mike while he was in South Carolina. To all of you all we can say is that you were a gift from God to us. Words cannot express our gratitude.



So many wonderful opportunities to share God's love with others have been presented to us since our last newsletter that we cannot even describe each situation to you. We have responded to another family's call for help as they had no food to eat, transported a 9 month old baby to the pediatric hospital in Managua as doctors here suspected he might have diabetes, helped a family who's head of the household was killed leaving a wife and four daughters to fend for themselves. God used this tragedy to allow us to pray with them and grieve with them and lead them to visit our Nicaraguan church here in Rivas. This non practicing catholic family now attends church each Sunday with us and has joined a neighborhood life group. We are so thankful that God empowered us to plant the seed of salvation once again and to share His love with those in need.



Mother right with 3 of her 4 daughters after church

We also went through our own period of grieving the loss of Kevin had the heart problem and the long eye lids. A medical team from France performed the heart surgery needed. However on July 23rd God called Kevin home to be with him. Needless to say we know he is in a better place but we will miss him and our hearts hurt.



the little boy who lived with us for a short time who

We have visited the Mayor's offices of both departments on the Island to obtain permits for the signs announcing the School for the Deaf being opened in January 2009. In addition we have been doing the due diligent necessary to purchase the piece of property on the island and have discovered the woman selling the property is the true owner but in the past she has given a portion of the property to her son but has not completed all the paperwork. So we are waiting for her to finish the paperwork necessary. Meanwhile we are working on determining what the property is actually worth as the asking price seems high. Also after a month with no electric at the center on the island we were able to move the electric pole to a new location and run new wire from the road to the center. Praise the Lord!

It is fiscal year end and time to close out the accounting records and submit the annual reports to the government. Similar to April 15th in the US except ours is done in two languages.

At the same time many hours of work have been spent on getting the container cleared in Honduras and released to Nicaragua. We anticipate receiving the container at our home next Tuesday or Wednesday.

For those of you who are wondering how Mike is doing adjusting to the CPAP you can tell from the photo he has found a new use for it. On the serious side he is doing well and only strangles himself with the hose once or twice a week when he tries to rollover. So we are still in the adjustment stage but he is not getting up tired and yawning all day.

We ask for your continued prayers and financial support because without them we cannot do what we do to reach the lost and plant the seed of salvation that God has called each of us to do.



Standing beneath His Wings,

Mike & Joan Vilasi

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