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It has been called the "Parable of the Sower" but most speak of the ground. The ground is as imperfect as the sower. God can use anyone willing to go forth bearing the precious seed of the Gospel. They who spread the Gospel to the whole world can be weak and flawed in so many ways but the number one most debilitating flaw would be not to go.....not to proclaim the good tidings to a lost and dying world.

All who support us know that we do all that is within our power to spread the Gospel. The government of Nicaragua is shutting out the Gospel of Christ and those who seek to preach this glorious truth. Nonetheless, every day we are teaching the truths of God's Word. We have just learned from the national program "Radio 580" that there is a growing desire to hear more programs, so they have given us another day, free of charge! At a time when others are struggling to get in we are already there spreading the truths of God's Word every day.

The Apostle Paul says in Acts 20:27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" The teaching of 15 minutes each day covers 240 different Biblical topics or in other words, "all the counsel of God". Recently we went to Colombia, South America and God led us to a radio station which has national coverage, 51 million. Now, God is leading us to go to Guyana, South America. These are the descendants of the African slave trade and speak English. They have for the most part lived isolated from the world and then if resources will last we hope to travel on to the neighboring country of Suriname who speak both Dutch and English.

We are prepared and want to go this fall, either October or November. Our regular support, for which we are so very blessed and grateful, is fully invested in the outreach every month. But to expand to other countries ... we need help. If every supporting church could give just a little extra toward the expenses of this trip, we could go! Please, prayerfully consider this burden and earmark it 'Guyana'! Maybe God has already paved the way and there are hungry souls waiting. "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8 We need your help.

Travel Advisory
July 17, 2023

Nicaragua—Level 3
Reconsider Travel



Subject: Nicaragua
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Reconsider travel to Nicaragua due to arbitrary enforcement of laws. Exercise increased caution in Nicaragua due to crime, and wrongful detentions.

Country Summary: The government of Nicaragua arbitrarily enforces laws for political purposes. Throughout Nicaragua, government officials and law enforcement continue to target those opposed to the rule of President Ortega. The government and its affiliated groups have been reported to:

- Systematically target opposition figures (regardless of nationality), including former allies, political activists, business representatives, clergy, human rights advocates, and members of the press.
- Arbitrarily target pro-democracy advocates.
- Prevent certain individuals from departing Nicaragua by air or land for political reasons.
- Arbitrarily seize and/or search private property including personal phones and computers for anti-government content.
- Arbitrarily charge individuals with terrorism, money laundering, and organized crime offenses for political reasons.
- U.S. citizens have reported being subject to this treatment.
- U.S. citizen residents of Nicaragua also report increased scrutiny of alleged political speech and additional scrutiny by immigration officials.
- The Department has determined the risk of wrongful detention of U.S. nationals by the Government of Nicaragua exists.

Burdens abound for our dear 'brothers' in Nicaragua. Hermano Luis, Hermano Pablo, Hermano Leo...continue to labor but under dire circumstances. Luis comments today that their focus right now is on surviving in their situation that is more chaotic politically and economically every single day! That only God in His great faithfulness sustains them and continues to push them to go forward in the missionary work of making disciples of every person. Our home church, Midway Baptist Church, has faithfully supported Hermanos Luis in Nicaragua and Enoc in Costa Rica to help them as they struggle to live and labor.

Recent opportunity for Hermano Luis to preach in Iglesia Bautista de Canaan

...hermano Pablo, ya que El también como yo está enfocado en sobrevivir en este país cuya situación política y económica cada día es más caótica para las personas que no tenemos un salario fijo, todos los negocios de ventas de servicios están sufriendo grandes pérdidas, otros ya han muerto y otros apenas sobreviven. No es queja mis estimados hermanos, es una descripción práctica de lo que estos viviendo en Nicaragua. Solo Dios con su gran fidelidad es el que nos sostiene y nos empuja a seguir adelante en su obra misionera de hacer discípulos a cada persona.

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Our website has a 'Contact Us' page as you'd expect. It serves to encourage us and to give direction in teaching also. We do not open a

single communication that we do not call their name before the Lord. Their notes to us come to our home, to our ears and hearts. Sometimes we have the liberty of sharing a letter or two...

Our listeners can log on and listen to the radio program in their 'own' time or print out either the 'tract' form or transcript form of each Concept. This month's summary shows that the 'Most Popular Post' for this month is #114 on Fornication! It's interesting to see the titles that come to the top.

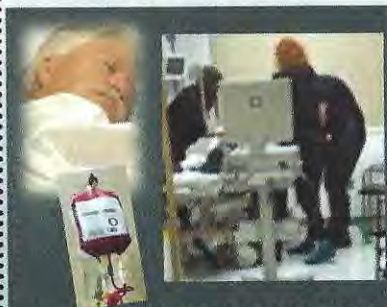
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Tenemos un público cautivo y yo he pensando si te interesa pásamelo los sábados a Pasarlo*

- Buenas noches Don Dennis & Jolaine.
- Este email lo obtuve de su página web. Les escribo para darles las GRACIAS. Hace 3 meses terminamos de leer toda la biblia en familia y decidimos continuar estudiando con los conceptos bíblicos que tienen en la página web.
- Los conceptos bíblicos los estudiamos cada noche antes de acostarnos al igual que hacíamos cuando nos propusimos leer toda la biblia en familia.
- You both have been a great blessing to our family and our life. Thank God for sending you to evangelize Nicaragua. Con mucho cariño,

Owner of 'Radio 580' reports that they have 'captivated' listeners and want to begin Saturday programming also!

From the book of James, I claimed . . . "the Lord will raise them up". And my comfort from Psalms as it says ... "Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction." In the short span of one month ... the Lord has done just that with my dear husband. In June, Dennis had the all too 'simple' cataract surgery that most all of us have had at this age! 24 hours later, the pressure behind his eye was so great that he was given medications to reduce it. They thought he had Malaria because of the severity of his



'decline' but instead had a severe reaction to those medications and it resulted in several days in the hospital with total incoherency, then lack of consciousness, blood sugars dropping below 40 and kidney failure!!!! His time of care and recovery was short lived. He then suffered a fall but caught himself against a 2x6 wooden bracing. That full weight of the fall against that board gave him a huge hematoma on his thigh. The internal bleeding and swelling put him back in the emergency room and a 3 day hospital stay! Longer story short, things went from bad to worse and they called 'code' on him, trauma team cut away his clothes and began to work on him. Three days later we left the hospital and now it's just going to take time to heal! But 'heal' he will! He will be teaching the men in Palmares this very week!!! I truly 'stand amazed in 'His' presence' ... I hope you are singing that song along with me! With tears . . . my heart is so full of gratitude . . .