



Left: Tania, my wonderful Spanish teacher! We meet Monday's and Thursday's for about an hour. Center: Jinotega, my hometown, from the surrounding mountains. Right: My Jefe (Boss) Alberto

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The First Month in Nicaragua

"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see you, to see you high and lifted up. Shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing... HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

This song has been my prayer for the last week and will continue to be through the coming month. Through my days in Jinotega I want to be looking at my interactions and jobs through His eyes. While the last month has involved a lot of sorting and counting, it has also included new friendships. Friendships with the other missionaries, with the wonderful Nicaraguans I get to work along side, with ladies from Casa Materna, with family from the church, and with my boss, Alberto. He oversees the mission's schools, and while I'm still learning exactly what his responsibilities are, we have a great time working together. Lilly and I are settled in our apartment. We even got to host one of the Nicaraguan families for dinner this week. They have been very kind to welcome us and help us with our Spanish outside of our lessons with Tania. March will bring

lots of exciting beginnings, we pray. One Child Matters will be kick-starting. We are also hoping to start a mobile library where the children in schools can have the library at their school for a week then it rotate. As

with any new job, there are so many things to learn. Some days it is easy to sit and listen and sharpen the huge bucket of colored pencils. Other days I am getting anxious to work with children, but our God is faithful and I know those days are coming too. I truly cannot thank you enough for your prayers and financial support! Even through the "slow" days here, I know this is where I am supposed to be. Learning how to serve and



Benny & Donna Baker

Praying For...

- One Child Matters- the students, teachers, sponsors and preparations for starting
- Benny Baker (director of Misión Para Cristo)- his continued recovery
 - Memory recall with my Spanish
- Friendships to grow with all the staff- both Nicaraguan and North American
- Understanding while I learn more about the culture and customs of Nicaragua
- Patience as I learn how I show Jesus to God's children of all ages here in Jinotega

