



Reading Buddies Group with the students from the school in Hatillo. It's a small community about 30 minutes from Jinotega. Some of these students walk an hour each way to school every day- so impressive!

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The Goodness of the Lord

These words from David spoke so much truth and hope straight to my soul. I needed both. The truth that this foreign land I live in (and all other lands) belong to God. He has filled them with His people of all ages and backgrounds. So I too will *remain confident* that God's living people will produce His goodness. The waiting won't always be easy. For this reason we *stay strong and take comfort in Him*, only Him. Just you wait and see...

I could write for days about the goodness I've seen over the last month. God continues to show his goodness, and it is a beautiful sight to behold. Recently I've had the opportunity to work with the mentors for One Child Matter. We say mentors more than teachers as we are trying to establish that these development centers are supposed to look very different than a Nicaraguan classroom. It is incredibly encouraging to watch them dream.

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I love it when these three greet me with squeals!

Psalm 27: 13-14

I remain **confident** of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord *in the land of the living*. Wait for the Lord; **be strong** and **take heart** and wait for the Lord.



Still Happenings...

- Casa Materna visits
- Assisting the school director
- Hosting Nicaraguan families- almost once a week
- Bi-Weekly Spanish lessons

New Happenings...

- Sorting and inventorying books for our Mobile Library
- Joining in with groups as they visit the schools
- Creating a file/library system for Bible class curriculum (pictures and lesson ideas for Sunday school teachers from all surrounding churches)

I've also seen goodness in our visitors. We've had groups here almost the whole month of March. Seeing their excitement to meet and serve the Nicaraguans has certainly been goodness- especially for my soul. Their singing has also been such a blessing. I didn't realize how much I missed singing in English.

Daily, I have experienced goodness as the Nicaraguans are so patient with my language barrier. They are continually teaching me and encouraging me to practice- without making me feel hopeless. They keep reminding me that learning a language takes a long time.

Another place I see the *goodness of Lord* is in the creation here. The hills and mountain provide gorgeous scenery where ever we go. Since we are in dry season, the skies are bright blue and beautiful. I know only our Father could have designed it.

Even on the days that I just spend in the mission sitting in the office with Alberto or helping collect dirty sheets or running down the street to get soap before a group arrives, God shows me his goodness in an incredible way. He lets me feel useful. Even though running errands may not be a huge reason to write home, I feel productive and helpful. That is why I am here. To help this community and the mission however I can. So whether it's out in the schools reading with the children or sorting Bible class material, I am still serving and learning.

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Thank you!!

Prayer Requests

- Continued support for One Child Matters
- For me to have patience with my Spanish
- Psalm 63 to be true (**earnestly I seek You**)
- Trust and friendship as relationships grow with the Nicaraguans
- Unity and forgiveness to be abiding spirits in all of God's people around the world