

Fall Retreat with Snellville and Riverchase youth groups.  
Woodland Christian Camp, Georgia

Jinotega, Nicaragua

November 2016

## Immediately.

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel... Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And **immediately** they left their nets and followed him.  
Mark 1:15, 17-18



### Youth Group

These two men are the youth group leaders. Wilson (right) is the president. He is 16 years old and is a man of peace. In the midst of hard discussions, Wilson looks to bring peace and reconciliation. His gentleness is a reflection of our Savior. Felipe (left) has been working with this youth group for many years now. The youth group voted for him as vice-president. He brings maturity to the group and lots of experience. Felipe's a hard worker who loves to share with teenagers. Please pray for these two as we grow and plan for the coming months. We have a lock-in in just a couple weeks!

I'm struck by how quickly everything can change. One minute I'm laughing my head off; the next minute I'm crying my eyes out. Traveling, I can wake up in Georgia and fall asleep that night in Nicaragua. One day, I think, "This teenager is just lost. How will God ever turn this around?" The next day they are coming to ask about forgiveness. One minute I have my day planned out; then I hear someone has died. All plans go out the window and we go buy bread to share with the family.

Isn't that how it is with Jesus? When we accept him, everything immediately changes! The disciples literally "dropped" what they were doing. Our reason for living becomes solely to glorify our Father. To praise His name with thoughts and actions. *I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth* (Psalm 34:1). In the moments I understand and in the moments of confusion, I am to praise His Holy name.

There's always a little bit of transition period between my homes. Thankfully, this transition has been very smooth. Jinotega immediately welcomed me back. I spent the last two weeks visiting with friends and co-workers hearing about what God has been doing. May we all learn to *immediately* drop our nets and praise the Lord.



1. Fall colors and crunchy leaves just make me happy! 2. Graduation season has begun. This mom graduated with her second degree in education. Her three children were so proud of her! 3. I got to visit my aunt and cousin while I was in the States. Worshiping beside them was a blessing. Aunt Terri is battling breast cancer right now. She is so strong! 4. Thanksgiving was a success in Jinotega! 5. These sweet girls are good friends of mine. They also have major skills braiding hair. 6. Hijos del Rey is thriving. God is blessing both the children and the workers. This is one of our precious sheep!



### Prayer Requests:

- Health: I've had a sinus infection. Xiomarra (my Nicaraguan Mom) has a heart condition that took her to the hospital. Another friend, Cecilia, is battling hard with cancer. She struggles to breath and is too weak to walk. Please pray for healing and strength from our Father!
- Words: Pray that as a church and as a mission we are speaking truth in love. Encouraging and building one another up.
- House: I continue the search for a house of my own. It's been interesting. Choosing the right neighborhood, price, and size. Please pray that God opens the door for me, and that I act accordingly.



But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27