

SFTHmin / Nicaragua at work



Much of this newsletter is used for SFTHMin Nicaragua projects. There just isn't enough room to say everything. Last newsletter we talked about Care-Pacs for the Pastors in the out-lying villages where SFTHMin has constructed schools. Here are some photos of the process of delivering these Care-Pacs and some tool boxes we were inventorying. Also, Pastor Isaias and his wife during Leslie and Elizabeth's visit.

Thank You for supporting the Care-Pac project.

It's Project Time Again

AS OF NOW, SFTHMin team is planning a long awaited return trip to Nicaragua in August. Our team will be visiting project #286 that is half finished, and visiting the expansion in Xilola and spending a class day at our English school. We will be meeting the students for the first time as well as their parents. We need to lay the ground-work to finish project #286 so they can bring the rest of the students to classes. We will be establishing some type of storage place to secure extra materials and well as our tools.



The country of Nicaragua is just now in the process of opening up since Feb 2020. This is a vision trip to allow the SFTHMin leadership to see and plan for future projects. AS OF NOW we are planning a work trip in Oct. Dates will be pending until we return in August.

To those interested in joining us on a work trip in Oct please contact our office. {office@sftthmin.com} We can discuss details, costs, arrangements, and plans.

Sponsor a Student Today

You can sponsor a student for \$40.00 per month with a 1] year commitment. You will not be sponsoring a certain student, but a student body. Leslie is compensated based on the number of students, so as our student body grows the cost of operations grow accordingly.

Please visit our website <http://www.sftthmin.com/donate.php> recurring billing, set the number of months and you are set.



Thank You to those who are currently sponsoring students
Our commitment goes beyond building a school.

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Expansion Stretch Marks

This year we started out busy and blessed. On this page I will continue to elaborate on the needs we are experiencing as we expand the SFTHMin English School.

As I mentioned in previous letters, the expansion to Xilola is not without some stretch marks. As of now we have 13 students from the Xilola area. In times past, there was a gentleman that had a microbus, and he would pick up these 13 students every week and bring them 16-18 miles to Managua to attend classes. In December the gentleman sold his microbus forcing the students to start taking the public bus. This has been a nightmare, its always crowded, always late, it's unsafe for our younger students, it costs more money, the schedules are not even close to our class schedules and the list goes on. So Pastor Leslie bought a compact Nissan pickup with a tarp cover and seats in the bed. He starts on Saturday morning going to Xilola, creating a route to accommodate the students and be back in Managua in time for classes. In the afternoon he does the same trip in reverse. 13 students packed into the back of a compact pickup. The pickup has issues and left them stranded several times. Class days have turned out to become a stressful situation. SFTHMin must buy a microbus. Finding the correct one is a challenge in itself. We will use this microbus as a construction truck, as well as delivering Care-Pacs. We literally haul everything from roofing metal, lumber, perlins, to plumbing supplies. We have list of requirements this microbus must have,



engine, year model, raised roof, mileage, price, seat arrangement and the list goes. I have enclosed an insert making it easy for you to give to this endeavor.



It's not a jail, it's a Bible College

After 30 years of weekly visitation in our local jail I have heard a lot of comments like, "you have a captive audience, they have no choice but to listen, what else do they have to do". People that make these catty remarks have no idea of the life behind bars. The people God has called SFTHMin to minister to have a choice just like anyone else. They can stay in their bunk, they can pretend to be asleep, they can keep playing dominos, they can choose to continue to be hard-nose against the Grace of God.



Eighteen months ago our team was invited to attend a ministers conference in Woodland Park, Colorado. I have studied under this gentleman's teaching since the mid 90's. We were given the right to make copies of his discipleship teachings as long as it was totally distributed to those incarcerated. It was like boring into the mother load. We started slow and keep taking deep breaths of oxygen. As of now we have 11 study guides with 17 to 25 lessons in each study guide. Each study guide has a handbook to help explain the material. We have 11 different certificates, so after the completion of each study guide the student gets a certificate and another set of lessons.

Once we got started, it exploded and early on I could see we needed a new copier, Thanks to a donor who had a new copy machine delivered to our office on 6-14-2022. As of now we have 124,968 copies on that new machine. Reams and reams of paper, hundreds of books, and a growing number of certificates. Once they finish their study guide, they put it into their property box and their family comes to pick it up. Several residents have gone through all 11 study guides and are begging for more.

Once they leave our county jail and go home or to prison, they can continue their studies directly from the Bible college that has made the originals available. Mary has several ladies that have started in-prison study groups in their prisons. I am getting letters from several of my guys that are leading study groups in their prisons.

Thank you prayer partners, monthly donors and volunteers for standing with us and making it possible to keep up with the demand to supply these residents with Bibles, materials, and handbooks
We Are Thankful.



"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you are created to be"

April 30

Tigertown
Mennonite Church

May 7

Lamar Co Jail

May 14

Lamar Co Jail

May 21

Lamar Co Jail

May 28

Lamar Co Jail

June 4

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June 11

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June 18

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Aug 6

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Giants : What are we seeing?

As I was reading the story in Numbers 13:17-33 of the 12 spies "spying" out the land of Canaan, something didn't make sense to me. If they were "spying" out the land, how could the spies get the giant's report on how the giants perceived them as noted in verse 33? The spies surmised what the giants opinion was of them based on their own concept of who they were. Ten brought back fruits and a bad report as they saw the land and the giants through the lens of a slave. Joshua and Caleb were seeing the land, the fruit, the giants, the cities through the lens of a mighty deliverer, God Jehovah. All 12 saw the same land, giants, fruit, cities, and perceived two different perspectives.

Four hundred years of slavery had taken its toll on 10 of the spies leaving nothing but thoughts of death, defeat, slavery, beatings, hard labor, and pain. These 10 spies allowed water to get into their boat instead of their boat staying in the water.

The real truth according to Joshua 2:8-11 was the "giants" were nothing more then warriors that were melting away with fear. Rahab told the 2 spies sent to Jericho by Joshua, "that we knew you were coming, and we heard about the miracles and our hearts melted with fear and no courage remained in any man". Forty years earlier, if the 10 spies would have seen the "giants" through the lens of Joshua and Caleb they could have taken the land with no issue. Giants are not the issue, it's how you perceive their view of you. It's the lens you are looking through.

I am blown away by people's fear of sickness and disease based on genetics. My friends, giants melt with fear when you declare the miracles of the red sea, the kings you have defeated on the other side of Jordan, and the way God fed you manna during your travels through the desert.

Can I encourage you today to be very careful as you set a watch before your mouth [Ps 141:3] and as you change the lens you view your enemy through. God has gone before you and has already defeated the enemy before you even arrive. As you enter your promised land, take courage, and do not read into your circumstances something that just isn't there. Don't ask the giant's opinion of what they think of you. Don't discuss the giants to your God, declare your God to your giants.



Thank you for standing with us prayerfully and financially here at SFTHMin. We see and read each note you send us, we read every piece of mail that comes through our office.

Each morning we pray over the prayer requests you send us. We know who you are.

*I'm so Grateful
for You. Together
we make a difference!
You are Valued!
Mary*

*Thank you for allowing
me to be a part of your
life again this year
Palm*