

SFTHmin / Nicaragua at work / Project 101



In Aug a SFTHMin team took a much needed trip to visit our work in Nicaragua, It will take several newsletters to update all the happenings. All covid restrictions were lifted in July so the trip went without any hiccups. First day we visited Project #286. With Compassion ramping back up the school was busy. We ate with the staff and directors, fixed a few issues with the building we built in 2019 and strategized our future work there. On day #2 we visited Xiloa and looked for a

location to move the school from Managua to Xiloa. We visited several locations and as we were headed to eat some lunch my eye caught a property that someone had already started to develop. When we returned from eating we found the care-taker of the property, He told us the property is for sale. He

unlocked the gate and the more I walked around the property the more I hear God telling me to buy it, Take a radical step of faith. Day #3 we met with the owners, agreed on a price but no lawyers were available to write a contract on Saturday afternoon. I always carry a legal pad so after several hours of translation and negotiations we had a contract on a Walmart legal pad. We agreed on the earnest money and SFTHMin is now the owner of a SFTHMin headquarters. It will be our central place to work out of, store our tools, house our office, and give us room to expand our language school



We call it Project 101 and it is probably 50% ready to be used, so SFTHMin is in another construction project. We must build a water system, finish plastering the walls, install tile, replace the roof panels, install electrical and the list goes on.

As of now we are planning to take a work team to do the wiring and replace the roof panels in early Feb. If you can help install a sheet metal roof and pull wire, talk to us. [office@sftthmin.com]. Please be considerate of the conditions, it's hot, the beds are hard, the bathrooms stink, the food is different and the list goes on and on.

Thank You for supporting the Care-Pac project.

Sponsor a Student Today

Students are available for sponsorship at \$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.

As stated in this newsletter our website <http://www.sftthmin.com/donate.php> is in creation, Email me and I

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First Trip Back

This page I will continue to elaborate as we expand the SFTHMin English School.

As I mentioned in previous letters, the expansion in Xiloa is not without some stretch marks. First I want to celebrate a huge blessing and that is we now own our own microbus. For 19 years of working in Nicaragua we have always had to rent a microbus and scheduling was always a hassle but now that is a huge hurdle we have conquered. It's not a new one but it's in good shape and will serve our ministry for many years. Thank you donors for making this happen.



On this trip our goal was to visit the English School in Managua, visit former School construction



projects and strategize the expansion to Xiloa. Expand we did! I will explain the future plans in depth on page 4 of this letter. I want to use this page to show the progress of the SFTHMin English School. Leslie brought the microbus to our hotel early en route to Xiloa to pickup 18 students and bring them back to Managua for classes. It was a trip to remember with 4 adults and 18 youth packed into a microbus. We

were Blessed to meet every student and interact with them before and after class and to meet the parents of the students as well. These students are amazing because SFTHMin has created an amazing environment with amazing teachers. First every student signs in with Elizabeth, then each child knows the routine of switching rooms between 2 teachers and the computer room. Every class day

Leslie's house is wall to wall students, tables, chairs, and computers. After the classes adjourned, Joseph and I headed to the mall to get pizza, soft drinks and cupcakes. I have always wondered why pizza and coke always work for any kind of school party. Class day is a busy experience but these children's learning ability is amazing. YOU our donors have supplied each child in their own personal Bible. Many of these children, especially those from Xiloa have never had a bible of their own.



Who or what makes you "WHO" you are

The only real decision that was sovereignly made by God Jehovah is our identity; our "Yes", our assignment. Not our "call" that's what we DO. Only 7% of every human on earth has ever discovered their true God-given identity. Many times humans think their identity is based on where they live, who they married, what they have done, their job, their friends, family bloodline, their education, and the list goes on. Almost never do any of these things mentioned reveal our true identity.



Sunday after Sunday we deal with hundreds of incarcerated individuals that identify themselves by where they live and the striped jumpsuit they are wearing. A lot of the times they are overwhelmed by their most recent addiction. So they are quick to tell us their reason for incarceration and declare that's just "who" they are. People as a whole tend to believe and see to shallow. They don't go back far enough when they start to clean their swamp. They deal with the baby alligators, the easy ones and they never tackle the big momma and daddy alligators that have occupied their swamp way too long. The bible is packed with clues on how to discover your true assignment / Identity.

I believe the thickest fog on the lenses of our hearts is a wrong concept of the true nature of God. This misconception didn't start in a prison cell, most of it started behind the pulpits. We must understand that if your life is spinning out of control there must be a piece of tuna in our chocolate cake. You were formed perfect [Psalm 139] and everything you know has been taught to you while here on earth. I am amazed at those that are incarcerated that refuse the discipleship courses because it conflicts with the way they believe. That is exactly why we make these courses available is because there is a daddy alligator in your swamp that you haven't recognized and his offspring has formed your identity and not the God Jehovah. One guy told me he was afraid of being misled. Are you serious, how much more misled could a person become then to think that setting in a jail cell was God's will?

Start today in restructuring your core beliefs and watch God illuminate your true identity. Dig deep, go back farther and see where the FEAR began, then declare war on the real issue. You have enough.

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



"Realize there is no lack and the whole world belongs to you"

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Newsletters / Website / Fear

NEWSLETTERS

It's only been 2 newsletters this year and they are on different months, and this is why. We started publishing a newsletter in 1996 with 40 people on our database. Over the years the style and size have changed but the same mission is still in focus. For years we published 3 per year, on the 4th month, the 8th month and the 12th month. Several people have commented that they would like to be informed on projects ready to be sponsored before the end of the year. So we decided to move the months to 2nd month, 6th month and 10th month. This way our donors can sponsor projects before the end of the tax year.

We can't say enough concerning our volunteers that help us stuff and organize these newsletters, and help us weekly printing discipleship courses. THANK YOU

WEBSITE

What happened to www.SFTHMIN.COM? We have published our web presence under that domain since the 90's. It has been updated and moved from hosting company to hosting company. It had hundreds of pictures, videos, and news articles. It also was the connection to the donors that chose to support our work electronically. The website was written with a "language" that was current 25 years ago but now is much outdated. This spring it breathed it's last. We were able to back up all the content and issue the donors on our recurring billing, a link to continue to give. A new site is in the making but a web presence is a work of art and we are diligent to get our new site up. As you desire to give electronically send me an email office@sfthmin.com and I will send you a safe link to setup your one-time or recurring gifts.

FEAR

Jesus's most annunciated command in the Bible was "fear not". To fear, to revere, to be awed, to be dreadful, to be inspired to reverence, to be terrified. In 2 Timothy 1:7 where Paul is telling Timothy not to fear is the only place in the entire bible that this Greek word is used. It refers to being timid or cowardly. This is a huge word with a variety of applications and meanings. In the English language many different Greek and Hebrew words are translated 'Fear'. Check each emotion or "sense" before you act, securing a clear sense of peace. If you knew you couldn't lose would you still make the same choice? Is your next move in-line with your true identity? Your Identity is Being, your calling is Doing. Many people struggle because they think what they are doing is their true identity and really they are swimming upstream in a river of fear. Fear of not being enough, not enough of a husband, not enough of a provider, not popular enough, the list goes on and on. Dig deep and make a move to your real Identity with a sense of Faith and Peace.

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.



Your Really Matter! Mary

What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail? John