



Nicaragua Base News

Adventures in Missions

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Prayer Requests:

◆ Praise for the acceptance of EP in the barrios, and the participation of local churches in the ministry.

◆ Praise for the successful Vida Joven 5K, and a second club in Granada.

◆ For additional interns to partner with us in Granada.

◆ For Mario's decision to become a full time member of the team .

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El Puente...renovation work over.



2010 saw the end of major construction at the base. Improvements over the last three years encompass extensive renovation of the main building, including a library, working kitchen, dining hall, workshops and an office. Additional structures included dorms for up to 30 visitors, a bath house, the house of prayer and the planting of countless trees and several garden boxes. One of our translators, who grew up playing in what is now the backyard of El Puente, summarized the transformation: "you guys have turned this into the garden of Eden. It is a picture of restoration and peace, to encourage our neighbors and visitors that change in the barrio is possible and that life in Christ is the way forward.

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El Puente...getting a work out.

Before we bought the property that is now El Puente, God gave us a vision that it would become the center of the community. The words He gave us were a 'beehive of activity.' Little did we know what he had in mind. This past summer season saw almost 300 visitors to the base from a dozen teams, including return trips by Trinity's medical team, 2 groups from Athens, Ga, 2 trips by Covenant School, 2 groups from Palm Beach Atlantic University and a huge group from the Trinity Church youth program. In addition to these mission trips, El Puente helped sponsor and host 3 conferences with over 400 participants. Ongoing regular events and ministries include church service, Bible studies, Young Life, Solo Por Hoy, the Jicaro Project, ESL, computer classes etc. A best guess would put the number of visitors during the year at close to 20,000. Each of these 'visits' entail staff or volunteers participating with guests and sharing God's love. And, as the number of participants increases, we are seeing a profound difference in the surrounding barrios and among the local Churches. Thanks to all who helped make this possible, whether it was through short-term volunteer missions, longer-term internships or financial gifts. Our schedule for 2011 is already filling up.



If you have photos you would like to share from your summer trip, please email them to us via our new website: www.thebridgegranada.org

El Puente...changing of the guard

One of the most important facets to work here is the participation of dedicated interns and volunteers. This summer we saw the departure of Heather King, who worked with us over three years, and Frank and Rebekah Burder, who were here for a year. Heather's involvement helped launch Vida Joven and got many initiatives off the ground, leading music at gatherings, and shepherding her own groups of AIM teams. Frank and Rebekah were instrumental in starting Solo Por Hoy and building out small groups, as well as developing the new El Puente website at www.thebridgegranada.org. We were so blessed to have all three of them work with us, and were sad to see them move on to the next things. This fall we have been joined by Don and Jacque Straka who are dedicating two years to serve with us. Baker Nicholaou continues to work with us, while managing his own bike shop, BiciMaximo. If not for these amaz-



ing young people, the work here would be overwhelming.

Vida Joven Youth and barrio mothers help us grow the Jicaro Project, a successful commercial venture.



Making jewelry at El Puente

Originally created to help support the El Puente Vida Joven club, the **Jicaro Project** has grown into a thriving local business. Employing both Vida Joven youth seeking to earn money for school or camp and young mothers trying to feed their children, the Project now designs, creates and sells artisanal jewelry made with both jicaro fruit and paper beads. Since the beginning of the year, we have sold over 1300 items both here and in the 'States. In addition to hourly wages for work at the base, we are increasingly able to pay for work done at home, where mothers can care for their

children. Last month we added our first-part time salaried production manager from among our working mothers. This month, we are helping our youth and mothers open savings accounts, as none have ever had bank accounts or experience with saving. Thank you to all who helped us through purchases at the base, volunteer help in production, or making important relationships with shops in the 'States. **With new products in mind, we would welcome interns or workshop providers with batik or loom weaving experience. If you have an interest, please contact Sarah.**

Review of the 2nd annual Vida Joven 5k Fun Run.



Thanks to all of you who supported this year's Fun Run for Vida Joven. We doubled last year's participation (300 enthusiastic runners) and raised enough money to fund the El Puente club and the new Escudo club. Perhaps most important, VJ youth took a substantial role in organizing this year's Run, folding in club leaders from other cities to show them how its done. We saw the introduction of a pre-run pep rally which drew 500 participants. These events have forged a great deal of good will in the schools and throughout the city for the work of Vida Joven, including the appreciation of the Granada police force.

El Puente...staff appeal

The size and complexity of ministry now requires that we add a paid ministry coordinator position. Mario Rincand, who many of you may already know, has indicated that he would like to officially join us in this capacity.

Shipped to the states at 7 to avoid the war in Nicaragua, Mario found a living situation he wasn't expecting. He ran away from home and spent the next decade living on the streets, joining a violent gang and eventually being deported. Another dozen years of life on the margin in Nicaragua took him to the edge of hopelessness.

But two years ago God brought him to El Puente where, through a relationship with Jesus, his life has been transformed. Hopelessness has turned to hope and purpose. In addition to working as a translator, his heart for the young and disenfranchised has put him on the front line of our street outreach and dump ministries.

Recently, Mario has committed to move forward as a leader in the community. We are praying for him as he prepares to do this, as we are praying that God would provide the financial resources. **If you are interested in being part of this step in the growth of ministry, please let us know.**



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