



The Melendez Family

on Mission

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 136:1 (NKJV)



Anniversary



On November 25th, God allowed us to celebrate our fourteenth wedding anniversary. In order to preserve love and harmony in our marriage, we have had to learn to be patient with our differences and imperfections. The years have been full of emotions, happiness, sadness, arguments, and reconciliation. The years have also brought us scarcity and abundance, but we cannot complain. God has been good to us. He has given us a lot: good children, health, sustenance, etc. These years have been richly blessed, especially by the presence of God in our lives. His power and mercy have allowed us to overcome the trying times we have had to face. Over the years we have gained many things, including a few extra pounds! We have also acquired life experience and a certain degree of maturity. Mayra and I have managed to live fourteen years of matrimony for the honor and glory of God, and with His help we shall remain together until death do we part.



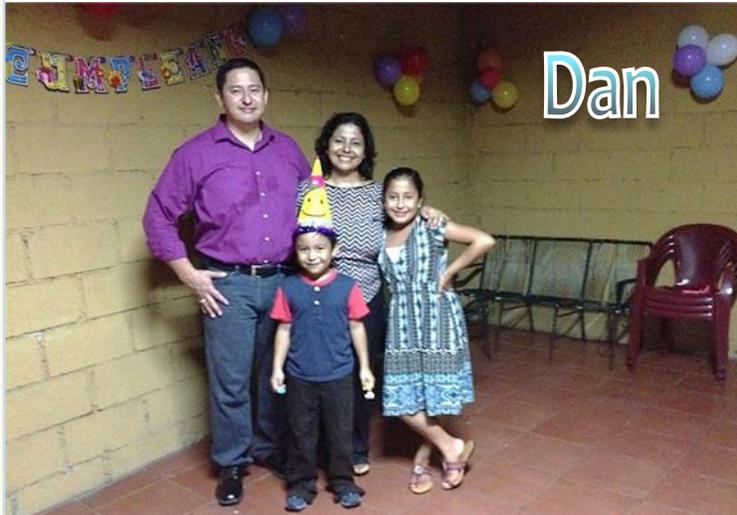
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Nicaragua



One of the events we held in November was a five-day trip to Nicaragua. In our previous Newsletter we mentioned that a team of missionaries had visited us from Nicaragua to collaborate with our preaching efforts in Palmares. This time it was our turn to collaborate with them. Although the main purpose of our trip was to renew our visas, we decided to take advantage of the trip by preaching the Word in Nicaragua. We were well received by the Iglesia de Cristo in Tipitapa, and among those who welcomed us were the missionaries who had visited us in Palmares. We also visited other congregations in nearby towns, where I was offered the opportunity to preach the Word of God. It was a good experience to have fellowship with our brothers and sisters there. The fraternal love they convey is very gratifying. Nicaragua is a beautiful country that has suffered greatly from wars in the past that have left behind widespread poverty. This has not kept God's work from progressing there, however, as we were able to observe enthusiastic acceptance of our Lord's Gospel.



Dan



Mom

Thanks to God, on November 13th we were able to celebrated our son's sixth birthday. He says that it won't be long before he is as big as Dad! Dan is a good kid who is very happy, active, and intelligent. We have noted that he likes to learn new things, because he is always asking about the meaning of everything. He is finishing kindergarten and is excited about entering first grade. He seems to like math, and wants to be an aircraft pilot when he grows up, although he also says that he wants to be a preacher like his father. And I say, AMEN!

In December, we were very blessed to receive my mother, who came to visit us from the United States. She had wanted to come here for quite some time, but due to personal matters was unable to do so until now. Thanks to God, she was finally able to visit this country where we are living and serving in our ministry. Her two-week visit was pleasant. She really enjoyed her stay here, and her visit it did encourage us a lot, because we had not seen her in over a year. She currently lives in Amarillo, Texas.