

# INSIDE EDITION

A Newsletter for Friends of Nicaraguan Prison Ministry

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and NGO Status in Nicaragua, Central America.



## CURRENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

By: Wanda Goerz, NPMI Chairperson

Here in the throes of an unusually cold winter we find our hearts warmed toward all who make the ministry of NPMI possible. Your prayer support and monetary contributions are invaluable.

We are praising God that the ministry changes announced last month are falling into place. Joining missionary Gixel Bricenõ, our second NPMI missionary, Pastor Eliodoro began January 1, to assimilate persons from across Managua who have participated in a Walk to Emmaus or a Cursillio, and later served on one of our REC teams. He will invite and encourage them to regularly visit La Esperanza and La Modelo Federal Prisons as a group once each month. The visits are called Fourth Day Reunions similar to Emmaus gatherings. Prison authorities approved dates for the gatherings in both facilities to begin later this month.



### Miracle at La Modelo

Jorge Luis Pérez is in prison for the second time serving a 30-year sentence. Last month he told us, "I almost lost my life when another prisoner badly bashed my head when he found me asleep. I thought I was going to die.

One day my daughter visited me and brought me a Bible. Until now, I had always refused to read the Bible and didn't intend to read it now. I opened the book because I didn't recognize from the cover that it was a Bible. The first page

that my eyes fell upon spoke about reconciliation. It actually caught and held my attention.

I had stolen and even killed people, but at that moment, I knew what God wanted me to do. I fell to my knees and asked him to forgive me. I cried like a baby for the first time that I ever remember crying at all. Amazingly I, the mean hateful man, suddenly felt love for those around me. I began fasting and praying about the surgery that I would soon undergo to repair my head injury. Then, I dreamed that God had healed me. On the day my surgery was scheduled the officials took me to the hospital. The surgeon was astonished to find that no surgery was needed. I was completely healed."

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## A Special Day at La Esperanza

Part of the annual Christmas party activities at La Esperanza featured Karla, a volunteer and Nancy Guido in a skit that had the women in stitches. One can see why from the picture on the right. "The skit got across a powerful message Nancy said. It taught that we can be beautiful, ugly, white, black, rich or poor and God still loves each of us the same. If we are in prison or if we are free, the thing he wants most from us is our sincere heart."



While the prisoners and team were enjoying the activities, Gixel was called to the Prison Director's office and asked for spiritual counsel. What a joy it was when the Director reconciled with the Lord right there in her office! No doubt God enjoyed that day as much or more than anyone there.

# ATTENTION

## PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

Jimmy Garcia, 2011 Nicaragua REC Coordinator needs first-time team members this year for the July 6-8 REC. Please pray about this if you are even remotely interested. Pray about it if you are not. God will let you know what he wants you to do.

Team members must:

- Be in good health
- Have a servant's heart
- Have a close relationship with God
- Be actively involved in church
- Have experienced a Cursillo, Chrysalis, Emmaus Walk, or a similar spiritual retreat
- Be willing to raise the team fee (When God wants you to go, the money always comes—never doubt it)
- Have approximately ten days available for the trip which will include two weekends
- Have a valid passport two months prior to the REC, which would remain valid six months after the end of the trip

Knowledge of Spanish is not required, but it is helpful. Youth 16-18 may serve only if accompanied by a parent who meets the requirements above. The prison requires all passport information by May 1. Those requesting a passport for the first time will need to file by February 15., to ensure its timely arrival. Passport renewals require a little less time. Team members are housed in safe, secure lodging throughout the stay. A series of team training meetings will be held stateside--dates and locations are not yet determined.

We welcome your questions. Contact [Wandagoerz@aol.com](mailto:Wandagoerz@aol.com) Phone: 859-277-6863, or 859-312-0393, or [jimmy.garcia@cieng.net](mailto:jimmy.garcia@cieng.net) Phone: 270-307-3327, or any NPMI Board Member

### MONTHLY MINISTRY BUDGET

(REC & expenses incurred locally not included)

Hygiene products	500
Transportation Expense	40
Accountant's fee	89
Discipleship Expense	600
Missionary support – 2 missionaries	980
Supplemental meds to prisoners	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,259</b>

### Estimated Yearly Expenses

(Includes all Ministry, Administrative & REC costs)

Expenses incurred in Nicaragua	27,108
Average yearly REC Expense	25,000
Administrative Costs locally & in Nicaragua	2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,108</b>

### NPMI Board of Directors January 2011

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Note: Our budget has increased substantially this year due to increased missionary support, spiraling costs in almost every area, and long-needed ministry expansion to bring the ministry in line with our vision and purpose. The bottom line is: We have a significant short fall. We need monthly commitments large or small from any who can help. One time commitments are always appreciated too. Checks should be made to NPMI, and sent to NPMI Treasurer, PO Box 4560, Lexington KY 40544. PayPal is another option.