



By the Grace of God Go I

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

—1 Corinthians 15:10

Ray and I are currently at the AWA base in La Tronquera, Nicaragua, as Project managers.

We brought with us; the Fix family, Josh, and Yosiday, and their two sons, Caleb and Isaac. This is their pre-deployment visit to the country they will be serving.

We have so much to share with you, our loyal donors, about the ongoing work here in the community; I'm not sure where to begin!

We had a blessed first Sabbath with the SDA church in Santa Rosita. The Fix family was welcomed as part of the family right away, and even asked to sing special music.



Most days our goal is about getting the plane up and running. After an annual inspection by Josh and Ray, we are happy to report, the plane is fit for flying. All that is preventing this important part of the medical outreach program is for a local inspector to come to the base to clear the plane for flight in the country. We will then be “officially” able to fly again.

One of the first items of business was setting up a protocol for medical transports. Yosi, being Spanish and English speaking, receives calls from the local



nurse along with signed paperwork, confirming the medical need for a transport to the closest hospital in Waspam.

Within the first week of being here we had 2 medical calls. Maria, the Miskito community nurse, at the clinic was requesting transport for a young boy who fell out of a window and broke his arm. The next day we received a call stating that there was a bigger need! A lady in her 60's had severe dysentery, a critical condition that can turn serious very quickly. Ray and I drove to the clinic to pick her and a family member up to head to Waspam (30-40 minutes away by gravel road). I am happy to say she came home after a few days of treatment.

These transports are important to the community, presenting a link to health care and to AWA. We are here solely to share our care and concern for the physical and spiritual needs of the people living in this remote region.

Another form of outreach that arose was a transport for food to the community.

A generous North American donor supports the community with rice, flour, oil, supplemental iron and powdered milk.

When a community member called and explained that they had no way to get the purchased items back to the local storehouse from town this month, Ray agreed to help. He and I drove into town to pick up the heavy load and transport it on the faithful Helix truck.

NEEDS: Our workhorse truck is starting to show wear and tear. We pray and hope with ongoing repairs it will last a little longer. Along with the plane, it is a needed asset to continue the medical and spiritual outreach program.

PRAYERS: Well, as they say in essay writing, "How does this all tie together?" By sharing with you, a snippet of our work here and the greater needs, our prayer is that together we will continue the Lord's work as long as possible.

We thank you, dear donors! It is with your ongoing support that this important AWA project in Nicaragua continues.

As always "the best is yet to come."

Ray and Julie Young

