



## *Sharing is Caring*

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

—*Hebrews 13:16, ESV*

Every now and then someone comes to the AWA mission base that warms our hearts a little bit extra! Mr. Dennis (Pinel) Ortez is one such man.

We saw Pinel from afar as he walked down the mission base driveway. He stopped at the Miskito house that Ray and I are staying in and spoke in broken English saying, “good-evening,” which is a common way of saying good-day here. He motioned for us to come down the stairs as he wanted to shake our hands and then humbly asked if he could have his machete filed.

We asked his name in our limited Spanish and introduced ourselves. After a chat, we walked together

down the driveway to the main house to introduce the Fixes. Ray gave Pinel a file from the mission base supplies to sharpen his machete and told him that it was his to keep. He was so very grateful!

He shared with us that his children are grown and have moved to the city of Puerto Cabezas. Being of strong mind and health and wanting to remain independent, he has chosen to live here with his wife. He shared that his wife is partially blind; “having hazel eyes similar to mine.” Knowing that sunlight can stress the lighter eye color, I gave him the only pair of sunglasses we had in our outreach bag, telling him to give them to his wife. I hope they will be of some relief to her.

Can you imagine how hard life can be for someone over the age of 65 in this region with no medical or assistance of any kind?

Pinel thanked all of us and expressed that he is connected to the Father above. He said because of his love



for Jesus he feels he is always watched over and he felt truly blessed that we helped him out when he asked.

We hope with these small gestures of compassion towards the community we will continue to plant seeds of friendship. Then as opportunities arise, we can share the love of Jesus and make more new friends like Pinel.

Our three months here with the Fix family has been heartwarming. As a team we were able to start the process of the yearly inspection and paperwork for permission to fly AWA medical flights. We continued ground support of medical transports in the Helix truck which is in need of repairs, but is still faithfully serving.

Each weekend we attended a different local church in Tronquera, Santa Rita, Francia Sirpi, Bull Camp where we gave out bibles to the local elders. We were also blessed to transport and have meetings with the local SDA elders and pastors to better understand their needs.

We want to thank our new valued friend and translator, Adventist World Radio representative, Cezar Levy. He was instrumental in sharing his knowledge so we could better our work while here in Nicaragua.

Ray, as AWA Global Manager, and I, ask that you remember this project financially and in your prayers.

- Pray for ongoing approval of AWA's aviation medical outreach.
- Pray for continued outreach to the Miskito people of La Tronquera and surrounding communities.

Our next adventure will be to travel back to Canada and focus on the AWA mission project at Sioux Lookout in Northern Ontario.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control....*

*If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.*

—Galatians 5:22-23, 25, ESV

As always .... “the best is yet to come.”

*Ray and Julie Young*

