



God's Timing, by Caleb

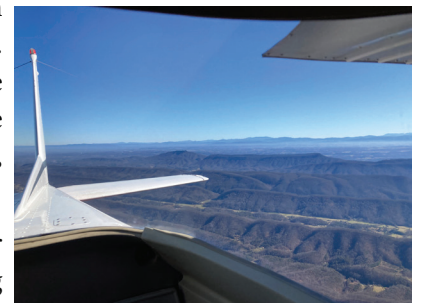
One Sunday morning we got word from our real estate agent, Amelia, that there were two families interested in viewing our home. We have been keeping the house extra neat for the last several weeks to be ready when agents want to show the house to potential buyers. As Glenda was doing some last-minute tidying, a middle-aged couple arrived before their agent. Glenda spoke with them briefly and she thought they seemed very nice. That night Amelia called to let us know that, in the morning, she was bringing their offer for us to review and sign. They wanted us to pay closing costs, but they would pay our asking price and they wanted our furniture to stay. "Perfect," we said, and we signed the contract. We had a small celebration, toasting with sparkling peach grape juice, thanking God for providing for us to go to Nicaragua by early February. Less than an hour later, Amelia called to report that the buyers had decided to back out because they felt they needed more land to park their RV. Disappointed, but not discouraged, we know that God is preparing the right family, for the right time, to buy our house.

On a positive note, we learned that the Mexican market near our home ships boxes every week to Mexico and Central America, including Nicaragua! The price is much cheaper than any of the other options we researched. We are so thankful for that unexpected blessing.

Glenda continues to fly in preparation for her private pilot's license. She has flown multiple different planes recently as repairs, maintenance, or unavailability has required. One plane

is her favorite, a Cessna 150 that she wants to use for her cross-country solo hours and her test flight. She is now flying out of the Tri-Cities Airport, gaining experience with radio communication and sharing the airspace with the commercial airlines. Her personal goal is to be finished with her license by the end of January, God willing.

Please keep us in your prayers. God is showing us He is in control and His timing is best. While we are waiting to go to Nicaragua, we have been developing friendships with a congregation, Carter's Station Meeting House, previously part of the United Methodist Church, but now independent. The Holy Spirit is definitely working in their midst and we have enjoyed speaking for them and sharing music in praise with them. They are one of our supporters. We also have two bible study groups meeting in our home that God is blessing with light. We are eager to go to Nicaragua, but God is using us here and growing our faith as we wait on Him. We pray for all of you too, our readers. May He guide and direct us all as the signs of His return are being revealed with rapid succession.





Our Hope During Trials, by Josh

I want to thank everyone for their support last year of the Nicaragua project and the work being done there. Without you all it would have been impossible, literally! Last year many of us faced many challenges and this year will be no different I'm sure, but in a way I'm not sorry. These struggles that we go through are shaping who we are as we react to them and make choices from day to day. The thing is to make the choice on the side of faith.

I have a story to illustrate. I was looking for some tree work so after a little advertising I got a hit in less than a day. I quoted the work and got the job on the spot. The only thing was that I needed a ground guy to help me out. I didn't know who could help me and as I drove away from the client's house anxiety began to creep up into my stomach. You know the feeling. All those negative thoughts start running through your head like they're on a mission to crush your hopes. But then I got a thought from God that said, "if God can get me a client, then God can get me a ground guy". I had to keep putting it in God's hands as the thought would return, but I was able to keep the negativity at bay by trusting in God's providence.

Now, this isn't to say that every time things go just the way I want them, but the thing to remember is that God isn't out

to get you and mess up your life. He has good will toward you. Check out Jeremiah 29:11. It says He has thoughts of peace, not of evil towards you. That might be hard to believe sometimes when the going gets a little thick but read through Hebrews 11 sometime. It talks about people who had the roughest time imaginable, suffering persecution and even torture but never giving up the hope within them.

We have some trials ahead of us all this coming year, but we all have access to God's sustaining grace as well. I'm excited to see just how these lessons that we're learning here and now are going to help us down the road.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

God bless you!

Your AWA Nicaragua Mission Families

Your AWA Mission Families preparing to serve in the AWA Nicaragua Mission Project:



Josh and Yosiday Fix
Caleb and Isaac



Caleb Runne,
Glenda Escudero,
Jordana and Enoch



PROJECT NEEDS:
Consistent monthly donors to fund the Nicaragua project.



PRAYER REQUEST:
That the borders stay open as the Runne family prepares to go to Nicaragua.

Pray for Josh, Yosi, and the boys, as well as their grandparents as they live and grow together.