



## Approaching the Finish Line, by Caleb

The apostle Paul likens our Christian journey as a race in which we are running, and that we should run in such a way as to win the prize. Looking at the state of the world, we seem to be only a few yards from that finish line, when Jesus will come in the clouds to bring His children home with him. It is an encouraging vision.

It seems that we, the Runne family, are also approaching a finish line in a smaller race. We have sold our home; praise be to God! Our prayers and those of our family in Christ have been answered in that we can now focus on the last few steps until our departure for Nicaragua. Four large boxes full of tools, books, kitchen supplies, and other miscellaneous needs are already on their way, though we expect to arrive before they do, Lord willing. We have temporarily moved into the home of our dear friend, Nic Laurent, who is originally a native of the island of Antigua in the Caribbean Sea. Even his name, Nic, is like a premonition on our journey to the Caribbean side of Nicaragua.

Glenda can now focus all her attention on finishing her training and test for her private pilot's license. Pray for good weather so that she can advance quickly. Our goal is to be on a jet to Managua in early March. The children and I will be homeschooling, visiting churches, friends, and family, and striving to be a light as we prepare to embark on our mission to the Miskito people.

So, our finish line is actually just another starting point. The same is true when Jesus comes, there is a finish line there, but a new beginning is after that. We love you all, our partners in this journey to speed the second coming of our Savior by the spreading of His gospel. "Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

-Hebrews 12:1





## My Help Comes from the Lord, by Josh

This year is flying by already and this world isn't getting more peaceful, but amidst all this God is still on the throne and He is on every one of our sides. Everything that happens to us will work out to our favor if we trust in Him.

Tree work has been slow recently and I've been on my knees often asking God to provide for our financial needs. We've never missed a bill, but our faith has been tested. It's an experience that I don't enjoy but how can we ever truly trust Him if we don't experience these things?

One day I received a phone call from an old friend who had moved about 30 minutes down the road. He said he started working for a ministry that's starting a dedicated printing press to print a book called the "Great Controversy." This book had a big impact on my life when I was a teenager and inspired me to be a missionary. The world church announced last year that there was an initiative to distribute mass amounts of this book. My friend asked if I would be interested in helping start the project! This excited me greatly and I couldn't believe I had a chance to be a part of this awesome project!

Little did I know when we moved to Tennessee that we were moving 30 minutes away from this project to print the Great Controversy which will be distributed all over the country. Isn't that amazing?! There are so many things that test our faith these days and God wants to put us in places where the help must come from outside of ourselves and ultimately from outside human aid. He wants our faith to be in Him. All help ultimately comes from Him.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." (Psalms 37:23-25)

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.