



Our Experience in Nicaragua

People often wonder what we, Jordana and Enoch, feel like in Nicaragua as missionaries.

It's a mix of good things and bad things, and they all come in a most unusual way. But no matter if there is a cloud of bugs in front of your face or no running water, there's always a reason to smile.

We have two little bundles of joy—our cats, Miru and Ozone. Miru is the oldest and we got him from a poor family that wanted to show their gratitude for the treatment our dad had given their young son who had cerebral palsy. Then we got Ozone to keep Miru company. They are best friends and love to play, which means making their cardboard box look like it was hit by a hurricane and wrestling all around the house!

We basically live like we're camping. Waking up early is normal, because the sun floods in through the open windows and in between the boards. The temperature is nice at that time, and a chorus of birds makes for a peaceful morning. That is, if Ozone and Miru didn't just dash across your bed or if you're not thinking about gatering water from the river. Generally, we have worship first and then we cook breakfast, which is usually rice and beans with fresh fruit like dragonfruit or pitaya, as it's called here or pineapple, etc. We have always enjoyed cooking, and here we can especially put it into practice. Enoch has gotten enthusiastic about school noticing what poor education looks like. We never know what the rest of the day might bring.

We teach guitar to our friend Tony, which is the boy who injured himself with a chainsaw. At his house, there are his five sisters and two brothers, as



well as a few others who hang around. The youngest sister, Emmujin, is very curious and likes to come investigate the guitars. We go with Mom and Dad to visit people in other villages, and of course, in our own community. Sometimes it's a little difficult to make friends because our cultures are so different, but all the kids between the ages of 5-13 love us and stick to us like glue! Sometimes we have playdates on the runway where 20 or more kids gather to play games in the deep clay trenches. We taught them how to play capture the flag. They absolutely enjoyed it, and so did we!

There are things in Nicaragua that make us feel refreshed. One of our favorite places to go is the Laguna de Apoyo, which is a volcano filled with water. It is the clearest blue you could ever think of!

Also, our sweet great-uncle gave us bicycles that we love to ride around the property. We also have a pond with a waterfall in our backyard. That's where we take our baths and capture videos of the large fish that lurk in the depths. We go fishing in there too.

Do we like Nicaragua? Yes, but we miss it in the USA too, especially our friends. But like we said before, God always gives us a reason to smile.

God bless you!

Jordana and Enoch Runne



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Reliable, 4 wheel drive
\$28,000-35,000
#2 Remodeling Mission Base
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