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One by One

In September we started our youth services. They have been going very well. At our first service we had 42 people, and there were 51 at our second! That is amazing for a new church in Nicaragua. We have a great youth band (see below) who all have amazing attitudes.



Paul Fazio, the newest member of the One by One team, was with us for a week in September. He was in Managua to receive training in support raising, as well as to see more of what we do. He will be joining us in Managua next June or July and will be our Short-Term Teams Coordinator.

In early October there was a team who donated a crate containing several items to our ministry. Among those items were 2 computers, 4 school desks, and over

33,000 pieces of candy for the children. What an amazing gift!

In early November Chase and Julie Russell will be moving to Nicaragua. If you recall, I flew to Oklahoma earlier this year to get them started with their fundraising process. They've been very successful in their fundraising efforts and they're excited to be moving so soon! We've had a very busy couple of months, and more to come!

My Birthday

In August I moved across town to live with two other single missionary women. I now live closer to work and I can either walk, ride a bicycle, or take a bus to work. In my new neighborhood I am able to have more interaction with Nicaraguans which has helped improve my Spanish.

The weekend after I moved to my new neighborhood I turned 27. I asked my roommates if they'd like to go to the city of Matagalpa

with me to relax and celebrate my birthday. They both excitedly agreed.



Ms. Mary and Alicia at Dinner

Matagalpa is a city that is located in the mountains to the north of Managua. The temperature is a lot cooler there and the city is much

smaller and has a really fun feel to it.

That weekend happened to be a special weekend in Matagalpa as they were having an annual celebration. We were able to see a parade that had everything from live bands, to horses, to the "Queen of the dance contestants". It was a fun and relaxing time... for more about the trip visit my website: www.travelingkatie.com

Pray with me for:

- **The rest of my support raising trip**
- **The Refuge Project**
- **My continued Spanish education**

“Seek me and you will find me when you search with your whole heart.”

Jeremiah 29:13

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose
- Jim Elliot

Oops, Did I Say That?

I haven't been making any significant Spanish mistakes lately, which is awesome! However, my English has not been so great. I have lost my ability to spell, and I have been wording things strangely, or forgetting how to say things all together.

The other day I forgot the word “percent”, and I couldn't remember how to stay “stop light” in English. It seems like it is going to take some time to get this bi-lingual thing down!

I'm in the States right now and I'm slightly concerned that I will use Nicaraguan body language with my friends and family and they won't know what I mean!

I brought my Spanish books with me so I can study and, hopefully, not forget all that I've learned. So far (after a couple of days) I have not spoken more than one sentence in Spanish: Nuestra gatita de la oficina está muerta - Our office cat is dead.

Learning a foreign language is a lot harder than I originally thought or planned. I'm glad to be at the stage where I can, for the most part, have a conversation with a patient friend, or tell a kid to get off the stage or refreshment bar at the church. I'm also at the stage where I don't constantly feel lost in my surroundings, which is really nice, but there is still so much more to learn, and many more mistakes to come!

Why I do What I Do

Hazel (on the left in the picture) is the mother of three. Her oldest daughter, Dora, is pictured with her. Dora is 9 years old and Hazel is only 19! I cannot imagine becoming a parent at such a young age and having the responsibility of providing for another person's life.

Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon situation in Nicaragua. There are many young girls who are forced into prostitution at a young age, either by family circumstances, or because they were sold into that lifestyle. Often, especially once they have a child, they do not see any other option for providing for their families.

Fortunately for Hazel she eventually found a way out of prostitution. However, it wasn't until she had been in it for years. Many women

are not so fortunate, or just don't have the courage to leave.

It breaks my heart that there are children who are being sold and forced into prostitution, and that they don't see a way out. We've



decided to help change that though! We're starting a ministry within One by One called The Refuge Project, or *El Refugio*, in Spanish. When I return to Nicaragua in November, and after Chase and Julie get some

language training under their belts, I will be transitioning out of the role of Children's Director, and into the role of The Refuge Project Director. I am very excited about the opportunity to provide a home that will be a refuge to the hurt and suffering children and youth here in Nicaragua.

I'm still in the research phase of this project, but I hope that God's timing in this is (relatively) quick.

Please pray with me that I will be able to hear His guidance and direction for the ministry. Please also pray that I am able to meet with and learn from other ministries that are providing this same type of refuge. And finally, I am asking for your prayers that I will be able to find solid Nicaraguan workers who feel called to help rescue these children.