

August 2016

### Gatekeeper's

We returned from the most fulfilling mission trip you can imagine. For those who returned to Nicaragua we were able to see the fruits of our labor (New cottage and a Chapel) from the previous year. Most of all we were reunited with children's smiles, hugs, bites and love. For those who went for the first time learned to communicate with children who did not speak, but understood "Love". They also experience an unconditional love and care by the caregivers that truly love the children.

Our main focus was to spend time with the children, whom we did daily by teaching them English, singing songs, swing on the swings running with them or simply giving smiles and hugs. We daily had a **desire** to see the children each day so we could develop a strong relationship and spend time with them.

We shared daily Mass with the children. The children at times sang the songs in Spanish and joined us when we had the Mass in English. We also visited a church with the children in the city; in which we were welcomed by the Pastor.

We also worked hard in assisting contractor's in the mixing of cement, pounding floors, picking walls and wheel barreling dirt for the floors of the building. How fulfilling it was to know we contribute our hard work to the building of a new cottage for the children.

We enjoyed sharing our skills and talents. We enjoyed our mission that no longer felt like a mission, but a trip to see our family! For those returning, we missed our family and those who were visiting for the first time; learned what "**Love**" truly is. The Gatekeepers took away the true meaning of what God taught us to: to love others as he has loved us!! Love your neighbor. As we watched the children care for one another and reach out to us with nothing but "genuine love we now know truly "God's Love"!!

In the evening we shared meals and we fellowship together. Although we attend the same church this time together gave us an opportunity to learn about one another a little deeper. We grew in faith and love for one another. When we returned to the United States we missed the comradeship with one another!!

We thank all those that supported our mission and we carried you with us to Nicaragua. We thank you for your prayers and donations. We ask for you to continue to pray for the children of mustard seed. We ask you to continue to support our efforts as we continue our mission.

We the Gatekeepers have returned home, missing the children and having a need to continue to utilize our talents and gifts. Please continue to support us as we continue our mission at home in making a difference!!

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