

NEWS BREAK

Huntingdon
Tennessee
August 2009
U.S.A.

Bringing HOPE to the HOPELESS... FOOD to the HUNGRY... CHRIST to the PERISHING!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE "LONG HAUL"

For the CHILDREN:



J. David Ford

One of the major areas of New Hope's ministry that sets it apart from many other mission outreaches is New Hope's school.

A ministry can have a feeding program where the children hear a gospel message once a week and this is great. Or they can provide food and clothes on a regular basis. Many mission ministries around the world are accomplishing these outreaches for the Lord. We certainly commend these ministries for the wonderful work they are doing.

However, New Hope goes a step beyond this through its

school. This is "discipleship" at its finest!!!

Imagine... the opportunity to have "input" into the lives of over 400 children, five days a week. That is over 100 hours a month. This is exactly what New Hope's school is all about.

No, New Hope has never felt to start a "church." There are several churches in the little mountain village of El Crucero... but there is no other "Christian" schools. Even though we do not have a "church," we do have a "congregation"... a very "excited" congregation of over 400 children who we believe, will soon become the future leaders of Nicaragua.

It's wonderful to see these students growing academically. All of our students are passing, and most of them are doing very well in their studies. But what brings the most joy to our hearts... is watching them "grow spiritually."

I will be the first to admit that there have been times since Iona and I established the school in 2005 that things looked mighty bleak. There were times when it seemed like the "Gospel Message" we were sowing into their young lives was not taking root. But over the past five years we have witnessed a dramatic change! How wonderful it was (and is) to see more and more children RESPONDING to Christ.

The truth is... for years we were a "MISSIONARY SCHOOL." We were reaching many students who were "unchurched" and unsaved

and they were not interested in Christ. But in spite of what we saw... we continue to believe and "sow the seed"... God has ANSWERED our prayers!

This fact is evident in a teacher we recently added to our staff. It wasn't long after she came to MTC that our students begin to talk to her about giving her life to Christ. With the drawing of the Holy Spirit and our students ministering to her, one day she started crying in front of our seventh grade class and she gave her life to Christ!

Missionaries sometimes "come and go." They may have a series of meetings or a crusade, and then, it is all over. The good news is... New Hope is just getting started in making a difference in the lives of the children here in Nicaragua. New Hope is here... FOR THE LONG HAUL.

As most all of you know, we are in a sponsorship mode. But the truth is that very few of our 400+ children have been sponsored since last month. However, in spite of how things may look... we are still believing God that SPONSORS are going to "stand in the gap" for these children and help New Hope continue ministering to them. Thanks so much for agreeing with us in prayer for more sponsors!

It's amazing that though things never looked better for New Hope in the

(Continued on page 2)

NEW HOPE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

News Break is published by
New Hope Children's Foundation
P.O. Box 39120
Birmingham, Alabama 35208
Director J. David Ford

U.S. Coordinator Mike Jones
For additional information call: (205) 488-9897
or www.newhopechildrensfoundation.org

New Hope's technical school construction is moving forward.



spiritual... in the face of such victories... New Hope is really struggling financially.

We live in uncertain times, especially for financial investments. But the Good News is... the Word of God proclaims that **those who give to the poor shall not lack** (Pro 28:27) and **those who have piety on the poor are lending to the Lord** (Pro 19:7).

Although the investments of this world are unsure, the "investment" in the poor is still the "soundest investment" we will ever make in this world.

Isn't it amazing, that for thousands of years this has been THE BEST FINANCIAL INVESTMENT... and still continues to be?

We are "blessed" at New Hope to have the opportunity to direct finances to where **ONLY THE POOR** are benefited.

In behalf of the children, we thank you for your love, prayers and financial support for August. May God bless you **RICHLY** as you bless others with your faithfulness!

NEW HOPE SCHOOL STUDENTS "HONOR" IONA HALSEY ON HER "77TH"...



On July 14th the elementary school students put together a "surprise" birthday party for Sister Iona, complete with a couple hundred hugs of "appreciation" (which they would have like to have done at the same time). This was the first

time that we saw Sister Iona "speechless."

Iona helped establish New Hope's school in 2004. She ended the year with 90 students. No one thought in the beginning IT would have grown to be what IT is today!

Words can never express our appreciation to Iona for the blessing she has been to New Hope. If it hadn't been for Sister Iona's obedience to the Lord in going to live in Nicaragua in 2003, there would probably not be a "New Hope" today.

Iona wears "many hats"... from working by Brother Ford's side in



Iona rocked "little Blancita" when she was just a baby. Now, she's in the first grade!

his numerous projects around the world to taking care of many "behind the scenes" mundane tasks that no one else wants to fill.. one thing is for sure, Iona has been "faithful."

Sister Iona was a mere "59" when she met the Ford Family at a pastor's conference Brother Ford was having in 1989. At that time, she volunteered to move from Missouri and work to help Brother Ford fulfill the visions the Lord was laying on his heart.

We at New Hope, join in praying for God's best on her "77th" year. May she have many more healthy and prosperous years to work for the Lord is our prayer!



Iona teaching in one of the five pastor's conference Brother Ford conducted in Nicaragua during June and July.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ALWAYS 100%

It is true! **ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT** (that means **ALL**) of your gifts and money given to New Hope Children's Foundation... no matter the amount... will be used to help New Hope minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the children in Nicaragua. It's a promise!

Each month New Hope Children's Foundation is faced with numerous financial needs. As usual, "the needs" of the children we are endeavouring to minister to are "far greater" than New Hope's resources. But again, we are proclaiming... that "all of New Hope's needs are being met according to His riches in glory"!!!

To those of you the Lord directs to be a part of New Hope's outreach to the children in Nicaragua, we want to **THANK YOU** in advance for your prayers and gifts... **FOR THE CHILDREN!**