

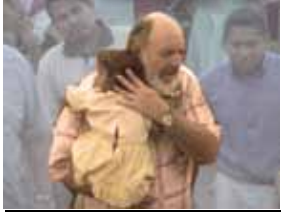
NEWS BREAK

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

AS THE TWIG IS BENT... SO GROWS THE TREE

For the children



J. David Ford

Most of us are familiar with the proverb, "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree."

Some 500 years ago I believe it was originally said like this, "A man may bent a shoot while it is a plant and make it straight, and it will never be crooked."

This describes "the mission" of New Hope. Our goal is to reach as many tender young shoots as possible through God's Word and a values-based education in order to direct their spiritual and academic growth... so they will always walk with the Lord and live a life of integrity in Nicaragua. This is the hope for the changing of a generation.

While their minds are yet "tender," God is using our staff through the ministry of New Hope, to "form their minds" into the image and likeness of Christ. What a calling!

Back in 1974, when Rose and I were in our early 20's, we purchased an old abandoned school building in Missouri. It cost us \$800 which was almost everything we had.

It was there that we began working with drug addicts and alcoholics, providing them with Christ's love and a place to stay. We saw hundreds of lives changed through that ministry which we called... Reach Out.

Some thirty years ago, while we were ministering in a city park, a young man who looked like he was on drugs, said something to me that changed our ministry... and helped to prepare us for the ministry of New Hope.

This is the intent of what he said, "I am already messed up. But see those children over there? They are free. Why don't you help them before they get into the shape that I am in?"

I realized in an instant... that we were spending all of our time on "the cure"... and no time on the "prevention."

As I usually do when I feel a vision is from the Lord... I moved "quickly" to establish a Christian school. In a few months we were "up and operating." Much of the training I received at that time as principal of that Christian school,

has and is being applied to New Hope's school in El Crucero.

This proverb about plants, is also true about children.

Every day through the ministry of New Hope, we have the privilege to continue "bending the plants" of Nicaragua's future leaders.

It's also true... that the Christ-centered education New Hope is providing these children in El Crucero is determining the final shape of many of their lives.

The Gospel that is being shared with children at our feeding centers... is helping to shape the future of many destitute children.

What if New Hope were not here for these children??? What would their futures be like? I cringe when I think of the possibility of these "little ones" growing up without Christ.

Thanks for standing with us... as we provide these children with the necessary "spiritual" and "natural" tools that they need to be able to do more than barely survive in Nicaragua.

Thanks also for enabling us to give our children a "moral compass"... to guide them into their future. Our lives are better for it... and their lives will never be the same... after they experience "the touch of the Master" molding their young lives.

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PRAYER NEED #2 "BABY ABRAHAM" IS VERY SICK

No parent wants to hear that their child, especially one that is only 5 months old, has dengue fever. All it takes to get dengue fever, is the bite of one infected mosquito. These are the words, "it may get worse," Brother Moises, our Sub-Director for MTC, and Sister Ana heard when they took their little Abraham to the doctor because of a fever. But we believe little Abraham is now on the way to recovering. He is a "preaching baby" and he has not been doing much preaching these last few days. But he seems to be considerably more comfortable. Please keep him covered with your prayers.

PRAYER NEED #3 OUR NEW HOPE CUPBOARDS ARE ALMOST EMPTY!

As you see by the picture, our stock pile of meals in Nicaragua is running very low. We are down to less than 100 boxes of food. But thanks to "Kids Against Hunger," we have over 200,000 meals sitting in our ware-



house in Birmingham, Alabama. But that's a long way from Nicaragua. The truth is New Hope does not have the \$5,000 that is needed to ship the container. So what are we going to do??? By

faith, Mike Jones has put in an order for a trucking firm to bring a container and pick up the food. The cost for getting this container to Nicaragua will be right at \$5,000. Many children and older people are depending on this food supply. We will also be able to include lots of clothes,

shoes, computers, books and other needed items in this shipment. Please unite with us in prayer that "someone" will immediately step up and help us get this food shipped to Nicaragua.

PRAYER NEED #4 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS FOR OUR CHILDREN

We are so thankful to those of you who have stepped up in the last few months to give \$25 a month to help provide a Christian education to the children who attend our school in El Crucero. At this time, 115 students have been sponsored. This leaves us with 182 students who still need sponsors. Thanks for your prayer of agreement that more people here in the U.S. will "answer this challenge."

Our economy in the U.S. in many areas may be in serious trouble. But isn't it great to know that our Heaven Father is not in the least bit worried about the lack of finances, the lack of jobs or the lack of anything for that matter. He has one word for all this, and that is, "ASK!" Thanks for standing with us for these special needs and our daily prayer needs at New Hope and in Nicaragua.

PRAYER NEED #1 TECHNICAL SCHOOL BUILDING HALTED BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS



When we began New Hope in 2004, we made the de-

cision we would not go in debt for any building projects. We stopped building this week and we will not begin again until funds come in to continue construction. The building may have been stopped due to lack of funds, but we know God's access to funds will never run out and He has not stopped answering prayers. So let's agree together that God will touch someone's heart, or several hearts, so we can finish this building to His glory! We are believing that a lot of lives are going to be changed when the building is finished.

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 in Nicaragua to help New Hope minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the children. It's a promise! Nothing will be taken out for operating expenses here in the U.S. or for salaries or airplane tickets, etc. of any American citizen who is working with New Hope. (Unless you designate your gift to help support a particular staff member.)

Again this month we proclaim... that "all of New Hope's needs are met according to His riches in glory"!!!

To those of you the Lord directs to be a part of New Hope's out-reach to the children in Nicaragua, we want

to THANK YOU in advance for your prayers and gifts... FOR THE CHILDREN!



Don't miss the release of New Hope's new DVD!!!

"Bringing Hope to the Hopeless" is **FREE**. All you have to do is just request it when you send your "gift of love" for September.



LEO, CHARITY & "LITTLE" GRACE ARE GOING BACK HOME, the Lord willing, on Sunday, September 13th.

We want to express our appreciation to all of you who took this family into your home, fed them, blessed them, encouraged them... so they could go back to the frontlines of the battle! Please continue to keep the Marroquin family in your prayers.