

# NEWS BREAK

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

## THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A DOUBT IN OUR MIND...



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From the moment we began New Hope, we knew in our hearts

that this endeavor had the potential of being a great blessing to many children. God has certainly given us a wide-open door of opportunity to bring so many more souls into the kingdom of our Lord. And more than that, an opportunity to teach the Word of God and raise up and train a new generation of Christian leaders. This is what New Hope Children's Foundation is all about - teaching and training the children attending More Than Conquerors' Primary and Secondary Schools the Word of God in such a way, that these young people are challenged to go out and make a difference in their own country

of Nicaragua and the world around them.

Sounds great, doesn't it? But what a step of faith! Ministering and teaching to over 300 students takes a great deal of time and effort, but this is only one side of the picture. There is something else that we sometimes forget about, and that is, it also takes lots of money on a daily basis. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, whenever God touches our hearts to step out and begin some new aspect of ministry, He would also give us a special ministry money tree we could plant in our front yard. Then, just like the Israelites went out each morning to gather the manna they needed for that day, we could go out and collect the money from our ministry's money tree that would meet each day's need. What a dream!

There are those who feel that if God isn't continually providing sufficient funds to meet the ministry's day-to-day financial needs, He has not ordained that particular ministry. This would mean the ministry was only a man's idea. Therefore, God would not be obligated to supply the finances to keep that ministry going. With that thought in mind, let's put New Hope to the test. Here are some of the events that have led to the ministry of New Hope and More Than Conquerors' Primary and Secondary Schools. In the year 2001, Brother Ford was invited

to go to Nicaragua with Brother Bennett from Hopewell, West Virginia. One visit was enough for Brother Ford to see the great need and opportunity to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of an impoverish people.

After returning to the U.S., Brother Ford made plans for a return trip to Nicaragua with Sister Rose and their children to spy out the possibility of beginning a ministry there. Once there, they rented a house in the hot city of Managua and furnished the eight rooms to receive guests and an office area.

On January 17, 2003, it was my turn to go to Nicaragua. My assignment was to take care of the office there for at least six months. During that time, I realized that adjusting to living in a continually hot weather area could take quite a bit more time.

Today, as I am writing this article, I was thinking of all the miracles God has done and is doing at New Hope. Since I lived in Nicaragua from January 2003 to December 2005, I was blessed to see firsthand how graciously God moved in the beginning stages of this ministry.

## NEW HOPE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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**#1 MIRACLE - YEAR 2003** We found a place in El Crucero for New Hope. As Brother Ford began looking for property for the ministry, he quickly realized it was going to take a miracle to be able to afford any property in or around the Managua area. Property is very high there. In October of 2003, as he was in prayer, God spoke these words to Brother Ford's heart, "I will provide." That same morning, while on a spying-out-the-land trip, God spoke again to his heart. This time God told Brother Ford to turn around and go to the village of El Crucero.

After arriving at the

village, their driver, who was a Nicaraguan and spoke very little English, drove up to a place and said, "Se vende." This means "for sale." The Fords and the team members who were with them immediately bought the property for only \$40,000. Over the past six years, this facility has served as a place to stay,

a feeding center, a weekly children's activity center, storage area for rice and beans to feed the hungry, a receiving center for the goods sent by containers to the people of Nicaragua, a primary school, and finally today, it serves as New Hope's Mission Center. God certainly "pulled that off" beautifully!

This property became the "nucleus" for all the other buildings that have since been built or purchased around it for the expansion of the ministry of New Hope. The location is on a mountain and almost perfect. It pleasantly cool year around. The wind blows most of the time. In fact, (to our benefit) the wind blows the mosquitoes right off the mountain. The only drawback is in the rainy season, when it "rains and rains and rains and..."

**#2 MIRACLE - YEAR 2004** Feeding Centers were started in twelve churches. Over the years this number grew until, at one time, New Hope had over 100 Feeding Centers. During 2003 and 2004, I spent much of my time going to these churches and ministering to their children and anyone else who would join us - and all ages did join us. In these meetings, I was blessed to see over 1,000 children, moms and dads respond to receiving Christ as their Lord and Saviour. When the number of those coming forth to accept the Lord reached over 1,000, I stopped counting. But I know beyond a shadow of a doubt... only God could have done all this!

**#3 MIRACLE - JANUARY 2005** More Than Conquerors' Primary School

for grades 1-4 opens its doors. When we made the decision to begin the school, I was to learn the Nicaraguan school year begins on the first of February and not in September like our U.S. schools. That gave me only four weeks to find students, teachers, books, desks and everything else needed to start a school. That was only the supplies and the easy part. Now to obtain the government's permission to open a new school and all the paperwork that goes with such an endeavour.

With only two weeks left before school was to officially begin, all doors to obtaining permission to start our school seemed to be closed to me. I was exhausted from trying to get the necessary permits. Yet, I was told it was illegal to begin the school without the proper "paperwork." That night, when I was getting ready to get into my bed, I remember saying, "Lord, if More Than Conquerors is going to open this year, You are going to have to make it happen. I can't do it!"

The next day I received a call that we were given permission to open the school. Someone, in high places, but I never learned who, had called the El Crucero school director and told her to give More Than Conquerors the needed permit to open our school. We were only one day late to opening on time for the school year of 2005. **GOD DID IT AGAIN!**

**#4 MIRACLE - DECEMBER 2005** During the school year of 2005, students and teachers alike, worked very diligently. I felt things were moving very well, but I

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**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!**

never realized how well until we got our final report from the district school director for the school year of 2005. Unbeknown to me, at the end of each school year, all the schools in each district are rated according to their teachers and students' attendance record and according to their students' academic achievement scores. Our More Than Conquerors' School did what our teachers told me was impossible to do the first year of the existence of a school, especially when there are about twenty-five schools in the district. Our More Than Conquerors' school had achieved second place in the district in both attendance and in academic achievement. What is impossible for us becomes the possible when the Lord is in it.

With all these "ONLY GOD COULD HAVE DONE IT" experiences, there is no doubt in my mind that God has a special interest in New Hope's More Than Conquerors school in El Crucero.

So then why don't we have a New Hope money tree, so we would have a continuous source of finances to keep the New Hope ministry ever moving forward to bring souls into the Kingdom of God? I believe God knows when things come too easily, we may just lose sight of who is really in charge of providing for our ministries. Besides that, He wants His children who support New Hope to be blessed as they give to provide for the needs of children in Nicaragua.

The Word tells us that we have not because we ask not. So will you join me today in prayer, asking God to speak to the hearts of His people here in the U.S. concerning the needs of His

children that New Hope is ministering to in Nicaragua?

The truth is finances for this ministry are at an all-time low, when our needs are at an all-time high! The amount of finances coming in is way down. In the natural, the very existence of New Hope is being threatened! At this moment, we have less than two weeks of finances available to us for operating expenses.

PLEASE AGREE WITH US IN PRAYER... that God will raise up additional givers to give to the ministry of New Hope each month. We do so appreciate those who have given large gifts to build a building or take care of a special need, but it the monthly gifts of those who believe in this ministry who keep "the doors of New Hope open" so we can continue ministering to the needs of children here.

None of the American staff of New Hope, from Brother Ford right on down, take a dollar from the money that is given. We all take care of our own air fares as well as other expenses involved in working with New Hope. The Fords have especially sacrificed to make the ministry of New Hope a reality by their going to Nicaragua and staying there to work in the ministry. This stops much of the finances they were making when they are home in the U.S.

The ministry of New Hope is here not only because of the great sacrifice of staff members, but because of those of you who have and are giving sacrificially each month so this ministry to children can continue to impact the lives of thousands of children in Nicaragua.

Once again we would like to thank those of you who are praying and giving each month. You are truly the "backbone" of this

ministry. Without your faithful support, New Hope would probably be unable to continue to minister to the children of Nicaragua.

So let's unite in our faith and prayers because the need for additional "faithful" givers to New Hope each month is serious. In the "natural," things look quite impossible. But in the "supernatural," things never looked better!



## **LEO, CHARITY & "LITTLE" GRACE ARE COMING TO THE U.S.**

**The Lord willing, from the 12th of June until the end of July, the Directors of New Hope in Nicaragua will be traveling the U.S. meeting with churches and sharing the vision of New Hope. We encourage you to invite this New Hope team to your church. There is no better time than the present to unite with new Hope to make a difference in the lives of children in Nicaragua. If you would like to talk to Leo and Charity about coming by your church, call: (731) 574-1402**