



Dear friends,

Violent events have diminished, although not completely. There are still isolated cases of killings as well as arbitrary detentions. Now those detained are being charged with terrorism or helping terrorism. There were four big marches last week in Managua, two from the opposition and two pro-government held on the same dates, at different places, and other activities in other cities. The Police was present at the beginning of one of the opposition marches, so they had to change the venue. All activities were uneventful so that gives us hope that we can all make use of our right as Nicaraguans to express our opinions without being attacked for them.

Municipal authorities are busily repairing streets and damages made to properties to present a sense of normality. However, that is not the case. Many persons, including families, are fleeing the country mostly to Costa Rica, some because they feel their lives threatened but many because of the economic situation. Some economists talk about at least 120,000 jobs being lost since mid-April.

The groups participating in the national dialogue have not met for a month. President Ortega has questioned the role of the Roman Catholic Church saying they are on the side of the opposition and not fulfilling their role as mediators. However, there's been no official disqualification from the government nor a response from the Church. President Ortega has made these accusations at rallies or in the media.

Meanwhile, our staff has been able to visit the villages, to hold workshops that were rescheduled from previous months and to monitor community plans. It is hopeful to see that lives in the villages continue, people are working on their plots, going to school and implementing their projects. The Radio is undergoing repairs this week so we're transmitting only on Internet. We thank very much those who supported the purchase of the tuning box so that the Radio can soon go back on air.

We are also very grateful to those of you who have donated to CEPAD, especially during these last three months. This has enabled us to meet the payroll obligations of all staff on time as well as pay for the operational costs. Thank you!

Please continue praying for Nicaragua and for CEPAD. On moving forward, CEPAD is starting to work on a healing process with the help of the pastors in the cities and the psychosocial groups in the rural in villages. I invite you to join us in these efforts when we have a more definite plan.

Thank you.

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Nicaragua Update:

Our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua appreciate your prayers. The following are responses to the video greetings and thoughts you sent after worship in July: Juana Bidea, the president of the partnership committee in the Kilambe communities writes, *"I am glad to share these messages with the brothers and sisters in the partnership. God Bless you."*

Anita Taylor of CEPAD who facilitates our partnership writes, *Please give my warm thank you to all your church members / friends in this hard time we are living your greetings lift up my spirit. Paz, Anita"*

Gerardo Arias, our brother who facilitates the art ministry and the artist of our partnership mural, writes, *"How beautiful to have this contact of unity with my brothers and sisters. We are living in difficult times. But when I see the hands and hear the voices, it gives me strength and hope. Thank you, my brothers and sisters, continue to pray for my country. Hugs and love for you until I am able to see you again."*

For more information, please visit the Global Missions Board in the hallway.

Our partners in Kilambe are continuing the work with our support. Photos below show the partnership committee headed by Juana Bidea and the food portion of the scholarships funded by DCPC. In spite of difficult times, this group remains faithful. Thank you for your prayers and support.

