

Picture from Puente de Amistad
("El Cañon") orphanage:
Photo by Eric Kelley



RENEWED EXCITEMENT AT CASA BERNABE

Casa Bernabe has transitioned their leadership in the past few months as God called the Flores family to Guatemala, and laid it on the hearts of Jorge and Jamileth Vargas to assume the directorship of Casa Bernabe in Managua. We wanted to share the exciting stories and visions that Jorge and Jamileth have shared with us over the past month!

"I love to work with kids and teenagers," says Jamileth, smiling and looking across the yard at the children's house on orphanage grounds. "I feel good here!"

Jorge's sentiments are the same. "I believe that my life has turned 180 degrees but I feel good in what I'm doing—it is a blessing from God to be here!"

Indeed, although the two have spent years working alongside Casa Bernabe as members of Verbo Church in Managua, they have held completely different roles. Jorge has been working, for the past 20 years, in the Marketing field, while Jamileth has been both a teacher and the principal of the Verbo School.

But each says that they feel specifically called to Casa Bernabe at this precise moment. "We believe that God, over the past twelve years, has been preparing us for the time that we would have the opportunity to serve him

through the work that we do here, and that's how we decided to take advantage of the opportunity that the pastors and leaders of the church were giving us," says Jorge.



Jorge and Jamileth have been friends of Casa Bernabe for years. They have raised up support from among their friends and associates for crucial needs; they have befriended the children both inside and outside of the orphanage, even opening up their home as a foster house for kids that needed to leave the orphanage. "Our emotional link with

Casa Bernabe will last for the rest of our life," says Jorge.

And indeed, they have long-term visions for the orphanage, as well as clearly defined goals. "We believe that every boy and girl must have the certainty and knowledge of God," says Jorge.

The two have been overwhelmed by support in their new roles and are excited for the upcoming year. "We didn't know how the kids were going to act," says Jamileth of their fears upon transitioning into leadership. "However, when we came we received lots of hugs and love from the all of the children!"

Jorge and Jamileth desire to continue to grow Casa Bernabe as a home for the children, and are looking forward to the upcoming year. "Next year is looking great!" says Jorge. "God is open," he says, and they are ready.

Check out a video interview of Jorge and Jamileth on ORPHANNetwork's website: www.orphanetwork.org



ORPHANNetwork Summer Trip a Success!

Our summer mission season has been life-changing for our partners in Nicaragua and our mission teams. During the summer months, ORPHANNetwork had 375 people from 14 churches visit seven different ministry partners; 375 opportunities for a work project to be completed, for a relationship to be formed, for a life to be changed. Thanks from ORPHANNetwork to each team for the financial, emotional and physical investment they made for our children during their time in Nicaragua!

GOD IS EXPANDING THE NETWORK

ORPHANetwork is excited to see continuing growth in partnerships between American churches, and Nicaraguan churches! This summer, we witnessed seven churches taking trips down to wholly different edges of Nicaragua as they began to pray and discern where God was calling their mission ministries.

Five out of these seven churches have begun official partnerships with ORPHANetwork and with a local Nicaraguan church, and we could not be more joyful watching them grow in beautiful new ways through their partnerships!

"We are not in competition with the church down the road—we are partners with them!" says Pastor Jamey Stuart, of Believer's Church in Chesapeake, Virginia. His church began a partnership with the local Verbo orphanage in Puerto Cabezas this past summer, and has already started to see unexpected blessings as a result:

"When we selected Port as the community that we would partner with in Nicaragua, we were ecstatic to find out that a church a mile away from us had already started working with them! What a divine 'coincidence'..."

Believer's Church is excited to find not only a partner in the sharing the Gospel in their local community, but also a partner in missions abroad!

Sponsorship Spotlight: Rosely and Sandy

Common Comfort

common: reciprocal, mutual, shared; from Latin 'comun' as in 'community'; see also 'The Comfort of God's Community'

"I think she was taking care of me instead of the other way around," says Sandy Brown. "I was out of my element...from the very first she started calling me 'my amiga' and was...making sure that I was not left out."

Sandy and Gary Brown have recently begun sponsoring Rosely Ramona Willy Lacayo—a 10-year-old girl from the Waspán region of northeastern Nicaragua. Sandy met the young girl while on a short mission trip to Puerto Cabezas with her church, and since coming back to the United States, has decided to learn more about the child's story and come alongside Rosely as she grows up.



Photo taken by Eric Kelley

Rosely was brought to Casa Bernabe in Puerto Cabezas by her father because he could not provide her with the life that he desired she have. She entered into the orphanage anemic, malnourished, and ridden with parasites. More than that, she was distressed and upset that her family could no longer afford to care for her.

Since arriving at Casa Bernabe in Puerto Cabezas in February of this year, Rosely has received parasite treatment, and started a diet designed to combat her nutritional deficiencies. She has become friends with the other children at the orphanage, and now studies hard, trying to make the most of her opportunities.

Sandy met Rosely in July with her church team, and in the past few months, has challenged herself to keep up their relationship, spanning the distance between Virginia and Nicaragua. "I have e-mailed her and sent a picture of the two of us together," says Sandy, and adds that she is planning and praying to go back down to Puerto Cabezas on her church's next trip down.

Sandy is reminded of God's heart for orphans as she interacts with Rosely, quoting James 1:27 - *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...*

Sandy and Rosely have begun a beautiful friendship—where one is in need, the other cares and provides. Sandy says that Rosely, "is very protective of me." In such a short time, they have already begun to comfort and support one another! What a joy!

Please visit our website to learn how you can sponsor a child like Rosely. Want to stay connected? Receive newsletters and updates by email by visiting our Home Page to Register for Our News Briefs, or simply visit ORPHANetwork's blog at orphanetwork.wordpress.com and check for news and updates.

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As part of the ORPHANetwork, you are providing hope and love to orphans and children in need throughout Nicaragua. Your support allows the stories above to become a reality! Thank you!

We hope you consider helping us sustain our efforts to care for orphaned and at-risk children in Nicaragua by making a gift to ORPHANetwork. Giving is simple!

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