



Shining The Light Ministries newsletter 3rd quarter 2020

As the Global pandemic continues, we are working hard to work with other missions and missionaries in the Leon area. Empower is making face shields for ABLDC staff and family and Vickie Cline continues making masks for us. As you can imagine, the pandemic is creating job losses, food shortages and the medical system is more stressed than ever, and we continue to help Dr. Medina with food and medicine. We have started helping our gardening communities with food supplements of Rice and Beans. A bulk bag of rice and a bulk bag of beans costs \$135 and helps 30 families for a week. The 2nd quarter of the year started off well. In the gardens, the families worked extremely hard to prepare the soil in advance of the rainy season. They are growing radish, celery, watermelons, zucchini, pipian, and green pepper.

On Saturday June 6th, 2020, at 3:30 am. An extraordinary visit was made at the farm of the producer Felix Alvarado located at Monte Sinai community, where there are 2 galley with 143- & 145-layer hens, respectively. The reason of the visit was to examine the hens of each galley, by palpating the cloaca of the hens in order to identify and make sure the presence of eggs in them, because of by the reports presented in the past by the producer we were able to notice a low production of eggs daily, weekly and monthly, those reports have worried the staff of Asociacion Brillando la Luz de Cristo and Shining the Light Ministries.

Recommendations:

- 1- It was recommended to the producer to monitor more closely the behavior of the hens that are not laying eggs. All the hens without laying eggs were marked by tying a rope on one of their leg.
- 2- It was recommended to separate the hens that are not laying eggs from the others to be able to observe their behavior more closely. Because the space available to separate the hens is very small, it was recommended to do it by galley, since there is not enough space to separate the 33 hens at once.
- 3- Those hens that can be noticed that they are recovering their posture will then integrate with their corresponding galley, and those that do not improve their posture will be in disposition of the recommendations received from the experts of Shining the Light Ministries and Asociacion Brillando La Luz de Cristo.

We are continuing to offer you all fresh roasted coffee from Nicaragua. The coffee is roasted by Gobena in Gridley, Illinois. The coffee is organic and of excellent quality. We are selling 12 Oz bags with your choice of freshly roasted beans or ground coffee for \$12.00 per bag. Each purchase helps orphans around the world, 650 coffee growing families in Jinotega and Shining The Light Ministries. If you wish to order you can contact Jeff Schweizer by email or phone.

Only because we have mission- minded, generous donors, churches and organizations are we able to provide the help and assistance to our friends and neighbors in Nicaragua. Please consider supporting Shining The Light Ministries with prayer and financial support. All Shining The Light donations go directly to helping the impoverished people in Nicaragua.

We are stronger together around the world.

Blessings



Martin inspecting a hen



Gerald inspecting hens



Family at La Paz Centro



Pastor Angel and his Wife



Gardeners at Las Parcelas



kids from Gracias a Dios



Josefa from 28 de Mayo

Let Your Light Shine!

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As we all know, this is very hard time for human being in every aspect of our lives, even though news is not so good around us, we know who we are trusting in, God is our help, our supporter and healer. Worldwide is facing a very difficult time physically, Psychologically, and economically because of the pandemic. As **Asociacion Brillando la Luz de Cristo en Nicaragua**, we are serving and working together alongside to **Shining The Light Ministries and local churches** in Leon, Nicaragua, by the grace of God we have been able to help our partnered Ministries and all the communities which are working with family gardens and other projects.

During this time, we have seen some changes in Nicaragua for example: many people have lost their jobs therefore they are going through a very rough time in getting food, hospitals are full and they don't have enough medicine or doctors to attendance the patience, a lot of people have been diagnosed with covid 19, stores have been closed and if you go out or get into a store you need to wear a face mask. We know that it is different but it is good for preventing the virus and our sake.

In the past three months we had to face different challenges, one of the biggest challenge that took place on May 10th, 2020, We lost our pastor, partner, board member and leader for discipleship lesson for our communities, **Pastor Fausto Perez**. He was a Baptist pastor for many years, He was a board member for **ABLDCEN** since the time the ministry was born and then he became part of the staff and a very dear friend. He was sick for a week, we thought that it wasn't a big deal but in the last three days before he died he health was very complicated until he died on Sunday May 10th at 9:45 am. It was a big loss.

In spite of the bad and sad news, in the last three months we have experience God's grace and mercy because we continue helping our people and it is a joy for us to know that we are bringing love, smile and the light of Christ to our people's lives by helping them with family garden, medicine, God's word and Hope.

In the last month we able to restart the discipleship program, we are having at this time Pastor Angel from La Majada and Pastor Martin taking that role, they are distributed in four different communities, two each one (Pastor Angel at: Las parcelas and 28 de Mayo, Pastor Martin at: El Marañonal and La Majada). We were able to start building 3 house at 28 de Mayo community sponsoring by our partner **Jonathan Wilfong**. Mercedes Baca's hosue has been built already and they working right now in the other two. We are also in the 2nd cycle the gardens, this time people are so much excited about it because of the country situation, at this time the rain has been very good and people are expecting a very good harvest in this crop.

We want to thank you so much for being with ABLDCEN and Nicaragua during this time, we know that God will bless you and honor you in everything you do because you have been obedience and faithful to his command and his word. We also want to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus working alongside to Shining the Ministries, local churches and communities. To God may be the Glory!!!

Roger Gonzalez

Director of ABLDCEN