



**Shining The Light Ministries January Newsletter**  
**ASOCIACION BRILLANDO LA LUZ DE CRISTO EN NICARAGUA**  
**4th QUARTER REPORT 2020**

Shining the Light Ministries and Asociacion Brillando La Luz de Cristo en Nicaragua are non-profits organizations which are serving God in different ways, our goal is to be able to reach people around the world with God's word and show them the love of God in a practical way. We are very thankful to God for giving us the opportunity of serving him and serving his people in Nicaragua. We have finished the year 2020 and we have experienced many blessings and many challenges through this year, but every time we faced a challenge, we realized that Jesus is always at our side.

In this fourth quarter of the year, we have seen God's hands over our country and our Ministries, as we know 2020 has been a year which has been affected by different circumstances specially Covid 19, so with God's help we have been able to improve and overcome different challenges in the country. By the grace of God, we have seen more jobs opportunities, a little improvement in our economy, less people infected by COVID-19, but we are still promoting to take the precautions needed so we do not have to experience a reappearance of the virus.

Regarding all the different project that we are implementing as STLM and ABLDCEN, it is important to mention that at this time of the year we are finishing the last harvest cycle, in this cycle we experienced a very good raining season therefore the harvest has been very good in such a way there are more members of the communities that they want to be part of the family garden project because they have seen the benefit that they can get specially at this time. The quality of the gardens has improved a lot because the people are investing more time in them in order to get more and better benefit.

Concerning construction project, Paula's Project (directed by Jonathan Wilfong) has been helping and supporting 28 de Mayo community with house building, so we just finished our last house of the year (6 houses) and expecting to be able to build more houses in 2021. Paula's Project is not just helping 28 de Mayo community but also helping people who have been very helpful for his Ministry as well (construction workers, ABLDCEN members, etc).

The discipleship program was reopened in this fourth quarter of the year, so it has been very beneficial for the communities and the pastors because it has helped them to reinforce their faith and their membership. The attendance at the discipleship program has been very good.

Pastor Greg Lentz is member of the board of directors of Shining the Light Ministries, he has supported and helped our ministries, and in this fourth quarter of the year, he started a new program of evangelism in Nicaragua. Pastor Greg trained Pastor Martin Machado and Pastor Angel Sosa by a Zoom video call then pastor will train our local pastors and help them to do a new way of evangelism. The new way of evangelism consists in visiting people at the community door by door and start talking to them about the preventive measures against Covid 19, motivate them to go back to church, pray for them and at the end we share a food bag (food for a week) and a couple of face masks.

This way of evangelism has been very effective, and it has been very motivating for the pastors and communities because the pastors have had very good results from it. About the 30% of the people who were visited they are already back in church, thanks to God and Pastor Greg for implementing this new method of evangelizing. At this time, we have visited about 124 families in 8 different communities and churches.

We want to thank Shining the Light Ministries, churches, North American brothers and sisters and Paula's Project for their support and trust that they have deposited in our people here in Nicaragua through ABLDCEN. Thanks for trusting in the Lord and being his hands and feet in this hard time around the world. Thank You all for standing in the gap. *Roger Antonio Gonzales Funes*

As you can see above our partnership with LGM has grown beautifully. Despite 2 major hurricanes, a global pandemic, and the loss of Pastor Fausto the work on the ground continues. Fausto's wife, Salvadora Novoa decided that half of the funds will go to her family and the other half will go to the church.

Board Member Greg Lentz's project, Empowerment Satisfies the Hunger is going very well. In the coming months ABLDC will be working with over 40 churches addressing Covid fear through education and the Gospel.



*ESH training at Las Parcelas*



*Handing out food, sanitizer, and face masks*



*Roger and Salvadora.*



*Salvadora with Memorial funds.*



*Constructing a new seed bed*

Blessings

Jeff Schweizer

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 and our Partners at LGM and GIA with prayer and financial support. All Shining The Light donations go directly to helping the impoverished people in Nicaragua. We are stronger together!

***Let Your Light Shine!***

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