



Shining The Light Ministries April Newsletter
ASOCIACION BRILLANDO LA LUZ DE CRISTO EN NICARAGUA
1st QUARTER REPORT 2021

2021 is the year when Asociacion Brillando la Luz de Cristo en Nicaragua and Shining the Light Ministries are expecting to be able to see God's hands in everything that we are doing in Leon to serve him. We are coming off of a very hard year (2020) because of Covid 19. Last year was a very difficult year for the whole world and we believe that God's word is being fulfilled in everything we can see around us. We are also grateful to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth, he is our provider, praise God!

By the grace and mercy of God, we have been able to see improvements in Nicaragua in different aspects even though there are some restrictions in most of the places in order to avoid a reappearance of the virus in the country. It looks like there are more airlines coming to Nicaragua soon and that means that it will give us the opportunity of having visits from Shining the Light Ministries and partners to see and experience the fruits of the seeds that they have planted during this time.

It is important to mention that in this 1st quarter of the year, we are getting ready to start the 1st planting cycle (April). We are getting all requirements, seeds, etc. for this cycle and the community members are preparing their seedbeds and soil in order to be ready for the raining season which starts in May. In this cycle we are going to be able to deliver mesh wire and red blocks in different communities which are going to help the gardens to be protected and in better shape.

The discipleship program is still blooming in all the communities. We have seen more people coming to the meetings, but we have also been informed that some of those people started to attend churches in the communities. We think that we have impacted the communities greatly with our evangelism program. This program has been supported by Pastor Greg Lentz, churches in Iowa, STLM and STLM partners. It is important to inform you that we are putting the program in action every other week in different communities, Pastor Martin Machado, and Pastor Angel Soza communicate with local pastors in order to coordinate and schedule the visits to provide the spiritual and physical food. The local pastors are very thankful with STLM and ABLDCEN because this is a new opportunity to reach out to their communities in a different way. Up to now we have visited over 300 families.

Regarding construction projects, which are promoted and supported by Paula's project, this year in the month of January we started helping some of the Mauricio's crew (3 crew's members) with some improvements for their houses and there were 3 more house at 28 de mayo community which were approved to be built, but we haven't been able to continue with process because Mauricio hasn't finished the first crew member house, so he needs to finish that one in order to do the other 2 and then the houses at 28 de Mayo. We have talked to Mauricio about it, and we are just waiting for him to let us know when he finishes the first one.

We want to give thanks Shining the Light Ministries, churches, Paula's Project and North American brothers and sisters for your prayers and support, we are trying to be your best representatives here in Nicaragua through ABLDCEN. Thank you again for trusting in the Lord and hearing him in order to be his hands and feed. We know that we are one body, and we all need to work together as one. Thanks for standing in the gap. *Roger Gonzales Fuentes Executive Director*

As I look back at the past year, I am in awe of all that we achieved despite the Pandemic. We have been abundantly blessed in all of our efforts. We want to thank all of our supporters for their support and prayers. As we look continue our work in 2021, we are hoping for the borders to reopen to restart the poultry projects in a new way. We plan on having some visits in the second and third quarters of this year.

We continue to need support as we grow and to provide medicine and food to the needy as the pandemic continues. \$1000 per month will provide medicine for 300 patients. \$50 a month will feed a starving family in Rueben Dario. \$15 a month provides for a family garden and \$300 will provide a family with a small coop and 10 laying hens that will each produce almost 1 egg per day per hen.



Jose working at La Majada



Señora Alvia and her hens at El Trapichito



Garden at San Augustin



Garden at 28 de Mayo

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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