

CHAMPIONS FOR JESUS

NEWSLETTER

Nicaragua Mission Trip Report – July 2026

Witnessing God Transform Lives, Strengthen Families, and Restore Hope



DEAR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND MINISTRY PARTNERS

Some trips are remembered because of the places we visit. Others, because of the pictures we bring home. But every once in a while, God allows us to experience a journey that leaves an eternal mark on our hearts.

Our July mission trip to Nicaragua was one of those unforgettable experiences.

Before sharing what God accomplished, we simply want to say thank you. Every prayer you prayed, every word of encouragement you shared, and every financial gift you gave became part of something far greater than any of us could have imagined.

Although many of you could not travel with us, you were present in every hug, every conversation, every smile, and every life that was touched.

This letter is our way of inviting you into the story God is writing through Champions for Jesus.



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A Youth Retreat That Changed Lives



On the mission trip this July, our first ministry event was a three-day youth retreat that brought together approximately 80 teenagers, 25 volunteers from the local church, and 11 short-term missionaries from the United States.

One of the greatest blessings of this trip was witnessing something we have prayed for over many years: the local church fully embracing the young people of Champions for Jesus as their own.

Throughout the retreat, there was no shortage of laughter. Students played games, competed in sports, got completely covered in mud, spent hours swimming, and simply enjoyed being kids.

The most unforgettable moments, however, happened during worship. Many students opened their hearts, sharing stories of abandonment, rejection, broken families, and the absence of a father or mother. Through prayer, encouragement, and genuine love, we witnessed the Holy Spirit bring healing.

Several students accepted Christ for the first time. Others recommitted their lives to Him, and many expressed a desire to serve in Champions for Jesus and in their local church.



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Restoring Marriages and Strengthening Families



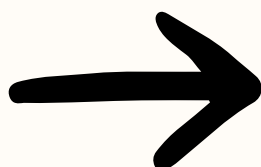
Later during the week, we hosted our second annual marriage conference with approximately 40 couples in attendance, many of them local pastors or church leaders. This time of interactive teaching spanned two evenings and was hosted by our local church partner, Iglesia Josue 1:9.

It was a great encouragement to see many couples return after attending last year's conference. Their testimonies were deeply moving. Many shared that they had begun scheduling regular date nights, communicating more intentionally, and investing in their relationship like never before. The conference became an invitation to rediscover their first love—to laugh together again, hold hands, dream together, and intentionally choose one another every day.

Several couples told us, “We wish we had learned these principles 20 or 30 years ago.” Younger couples expressed gratitude for receiving these biblical tools early in marriage.

During dinner, every table was served by Champions for Jesus students. Watching these young people joyfully serve families with humility and excellence was a beautiful picture of discipleship in action.

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A Safe Place for Children to Grow



We also spent time with the children in the Champions for Jesus after-school program and the dedicated tutors who faithfully invest in them.

What we witnessed was much more than an educational program. We saw a safe place where children are known, protected, encouraged, and deeply loved.

We played basketball, sang songs, laughed together, and finished the day by surprising every child with ice cream. Their smiles quickly turned into joyful laughter, reminding us that God's love is often experienced through the simplest acts of kindness.



The Mission Continues



As we returned home, we carried more than memories—we carried renewed faith. We witnessed teenagers surrender their lives to Christ, marriages begin to heal, children experience joy, and a local church fully embrace the vision of investing in the next generation.

Beyond their spiritual growth, our students continue to flourish academically and athletically. Many are competing in basketball leagues throughout Nicaragua, pursuing higher education, and believing that, with Christ, no dream is beyond reach.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. Thank you for walking alongside us.

Every life transformed this summer is part of your story, too.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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