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NICARAGUA

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PERSONAL UPDATE

As many of you are aware, Nicaragua is currently experiencing severe civil unrest. Our family has been stateside for a couple of months, partly due to some previously scheduled conferences, but also due to the civil unrest (please google Nicaragua to find out more). Our plan was to return to Nicaragua on May 29th. We began praying that God would impede or delay our journey if he did not yet want us to return. Through a series of events, we missed our flight; something that has never happened, even considering how often we fly. We took that as God's leading and decided that it was not prudent for our whole family to travel, but that I would travel alone to assess the situation. I flew out of Houston on May 30 while Nicki and all of our girls drove almost fourteen hours over two days to stay with her parents. We all arrived safely, praise God. The situation in Nicaragua, however, is dire and in desperate need of peace and order.



KNOWN AND UNKNOWN

At this point we know several facts. First, Nicaragua has been rocked by civil unrest in an attempt to overthrow their current government. Sadly, 120 people have been killed since the middle of April. Second, the people, in an attempt to stop oppression and pressure the current administration, have put up barricades on main thoroughfares all over the country. In fact, if you leave our neighborhood and go a kilometer in either direction you will hit a roadblock. The only way I have been able to travel is by back trails on my motorcycle. Julio and I were able to travel the back trails to La Concepción twice while I was there. Once we met for Bible studies with several young men, but the second time, had to leave immediately and by God's grace avoided conflict that occurred later that afternoon. Finally, we know that the Nicaraguan people are suffering. Carazo, our department, is now in a mad rush for the last of the fuel, groceries and supplies that remain. Because of the roadblocks, no trucks are able to get into the area.



What we do not know is how long this will last; what the outcome will be; what will happen to our home; and especially how the churches and ministries will fare during this time.

Most importantly, we know that God is Sovereign over the affairs of men, and that He has been preparing us for ministry in Nicaragua our whole lives for a reason. What we also know, is that we need your prayers and support more than ever. I am sitting in a hotel room, getting ready to fly back to the states tomorrow. The range of emotions that we all feel as missionaries is hard to describe. I know that I speak for all of the missionaries here when I say, we do not want to abandon Nicaragua, and we want this to be an occasion to share the Gospel and uplift Jesus Christ. Will you pray with us for our country and our people?



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