

August Newsletter – Build a Bridge – Give Your Time

The BLT luncheon held on July 18 helped raise over \$3200 for the Nicaraguan “Build a Bridge” mission project. A big “THANK YOU” to everyone who supported this event with your offering, and also to those who gave their time with all of the necessary preparation work for the event. And we all must remember that building bridges is a ministry.

When did you last “build a bridge” and give someone your time? Maybe you take the time to stop and help the person who has run out of gas. As you pass, he holds up a gas can and a \$5 bill, so you stop, take the five gallon gas can, and bring it back to him full of gas. Then you hand him back his \$5, because you know he needs it more than you do. And as you go to leave, he calls you an “angel”, maybe because it’s Sunday morning and no one else had stopped to help him – maybe because he wasn’t wearing a nice suit, but an old t-shirt and cutoff blue jeans. Maybe because people didn’t want to be late for church; but they’re the ones who missed out on the true blessing, the true meaning of being a Christian. Acts of kindness, that’s what people need. Not the big things, just little, simple deeds.

The bridge, in fact, is a simple deed, but it too is more about growing relationships, those on the mission team from our church and the Nicaraguan people, all praising God for the given opportunity to work together to accomplish something neither could do on their own. Yes, the money will be given and the bridge will be built, but will people’s hearts be changed, and will OUR walk with God be closer as a result?