

Greetings!

Thanks for your prayers in the Great Commission:

Our mission to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, July 21–August 10, which included training six churches to advance God’s kingdom in their communities, was truly a spiritual battle. But just as the Israelites overcame the Amalekites in Exodus 17 because of Moses’s prayers, we also gained new ground for the gospel through *your* prayers.

What happened

1. In each church, we trained pastors and leaders in the three elements (PHD) of the Great Commission movement: witnessing (Preaching) about Jesus and repentance, Healing the sick, and Discipling new believers in small groups.
2. We didn’t just teach or share stories—we went out into the fields, demonstrated how to do it, and involved the church leaders directly.
3. As God opened hearts, new groups were formed, and leaders began the discipleship process using our three Great Commission books:
 - *Essential Truths of the Christian Life*
 - *“Built” Up in the Foundations of the Faith*
 - *“Mobilizing and Winning” Others to Christ*
4. Once things were launched, we met with leaders to outline how to keep the movement growing using the PATH: **P – Prayer** – seeking God’s presence and power **A – Action** – witnessing and healing **T – Training** – mentoring leaders **H – Helping** – discipling new believers
5. We will continue meeting with pastors for accountability and mentorship.

Celebrating what God did through your prayers

Protection while traveling

Even though bats were flying around in the churches where we ministered, God faithfully protected us from distractions and harm.

Spiritual protection for our team and families

Again—God was faithful.

Power and authority to heal and testify

Our team is growing in their anointing to witness and heal. Nick and Mayra, our Costa Rica leaders, stayed in Nicaragua after I left and launched the movement in two more churches on their own. God is using them mightily.

A church leader in San José was so inspired after seeing a woman accept Christ that when she returned to disciple her, she led the woman's daughter to the Lord.

Healings and breakthroughs

- **Elizabeth** (stomach cancer): felt warmth during prayer, pain left immediately, and the next day she experienced a discharge she believed was related to her cancer. She is convinced God healed her.
- **Daniel** (shoulder injury): couldn't lift his arm and needed surgery. After prayer, the pain vanished and he could raise his arm fully.
- **Heart attack survivor**: lump in chest, pain down arm, difficulty breathing. She felt something move in her heart during prayer; the lump and pain disappeared, and she could breathe freely.
- **Young woman with severe anxiety/depression**: felt something leave her body during prayer and broke down in tears, declaring God had set her free.
- **Couple's son with severe fever for days**: we rebuked it in Jesus' name; the next day he arrived completely healed.
- **Young woman with lung fungus and difficulty breathing**: felt warmth through her back and chest during prayer. After walking up and down a hill, she breathed perfectly—better than her friend. She later testified through tears.

Thank you again for your prayers.

Open hearts to the gospel

Almost 100 people received Christ and surrendered control to Him. Even long-time church attendees were saved. Daniel, whose shoulder was healed, realized he had never surrendered control to Christ. After his healing, he was born again.

New believers joining discipleship groups

Virtually every person who received Christ committed to join a discipleship group.

New groups planted

We prayed for 25 new groups—**38 were started!** This is why we call our movement **-BE DISCIPLED / MAKE DISCIPLES – Reclaiming our land.**

Disciple makers empowered by the Spirit to lead the new groups

We continue receiving encouraging reports that this is happening.

Hearing God's heart for the movement's growth

More pastors—especially in Nicaragua—want to begin training other churches as they were trained.

Provision for the trip

We're almost fully funded.

Christ's Great Commission works. When individuals encounter God's glory and channel His power through preaching, healing, and disciple making, His kingdom grows and multiplies. Thank you for your prayers.

I'd appreciate your continued prayers as I transition to spend more time in our movement: **BE DISCIPLED / MAKE DISCIPLES – Reclaiming our land**. Requests for help are increasing, and I'm looking to the Lord for His power, wisdom, and resources to move forward.

Personal update

We have another grandson—courtesy of our daughter Julie and son-in-law Dan—bringing us to nine grandchildren. We are incredibly blessed.

Email update

Could you help with two things?

1. Please let me know you received this prayer update—some emails have been going to junk folders.
2. When you receive this email, please click "This is not junk."

Feel free to drop me a line anytime—I always appreciate hearing from you.

Your Great Commission co-laborer in Christ,

Phil

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