

Phil's Prayer Update

Here's my update for our Nicaragua Great Commission Mission that we completed a week ago.

Over two weeks, we worked with five different churches, involving pastors and disciple makers. Here's what happened:

- Before starting, we equipped church disciple makers in how to heal the sick, preach the gospel and disciple new believers through our three books of the Great Commission movement of Building, Mobilizing and Winning:
 - Book One – Essential Truths of the Christian Life
 - Book Two – “Built” up in the Foundations of the Faith
 - Book Three – “Mobilizing and Winning” others to Christ
- Then we went out for several days to heal the sick and preach about Jesus and repentance. We began by modelling how to do this, but by the end of the mission, the disciple makers were doing it.
- As people came to Christ, new groups were formed with the disciple makers beginning the discipleship journey in book one.
- The disciple makers will continue to disciple the new believers through the three books of the Great Commission movement over the next several months. Once done, the new Christians will become disciple makers who then go out to heal and preach and start their own discipleship groups.
- As this cycle is repeated, disciple makers will be multiplied along with the community impact. This is the heart of the Great Commission.

Without your prayers and financial support, none of this could happen. Here's how God answered:

1. Request - that God would protect our team physically while we travel to and from Nicaragua and throughout the country. The Nicaraguan government isn't always tolerant when it comes to community outreach, so we need protection regarding any issues related to that.
[God did protect our team, for which we are grateful. However, on one occasion while out witnessing and healing, we got stopped by the police. But all they did was take our information and then let us continue. Thanks for praying!](#)
2. Request - that God would surround our team and our families with His angels of light, so we're protected from the attacks of the enemy
[God was faithful!](#)
3. Request - that each team member would be filled with God's power and authority to heal and preach
[While some areas were tougher to preach and heal in than others, God's power enabled us to continue with fruitful results. Thanks for praying!](#)
4. Request - that people would be supernaturally healed and drawn to Christ
[Here are some examples:](#)
[Isabel.](#) She showed us how her middle finger wouldn't straighten out when she opened her hand. Her other fingers would, but not that one. We asked her to clench her fist as we prayed for God's healing. Then, we asked her to open it. Immediately her finger opened like the others and worked perfectly after that.
[Another time](#) we visited a family, and they asked us to pray over their home. They had seen evil spirits walking at night who were scary looking. As we prayed, a teenage girl began crying as she was overcome with a sense of darkness and oppression. We turned our prayer focus to her. She began to tremble and shake and ended up throwing up. Afterwards, she had a glowing smile that lit up the room. She had been set free. Immediately, everyone accepted the Lord because, as they had witnessed firsthand God's glory.
[Angel](#) is a young man who randomly showed up at church after we had returned from going out to preach and heal. He wondered if we could prove that God existed and answer some other questions. I began by talking about creation and how it pointed to a Creator. Then I asked if he had any physical problems that I

could pray for, as the Creator's power could heal him. He said he needed healing in his eyes as he had an abrasion that had been causing soreness for the past month. I asked that if God healed him, would he believe that God truly exists and would he also embrace God's provision of Jesus, to forgive his sins? He said "yes."

God immediately healed his eyes. Then I asked, "Do you believe there is a God?" He said, "yes." Then I asked if he would accept Jesus to heal his heart. He said, "yes." So, he did. It was that simple. It reminded me of the words of Jesus, in John 12:32: "If I be lifted up, I will draw all people to Myself."

On another occasion, we prayed for a lady in her thirties who had had a heart attack. When she came for prayer, she was shaking and weak. But after praying, she felt something jump out of her body, and she immediately felt better. A few days later, we learned that God had healed her, that she had received Christ and that she was committed to becoming discipled.

5. Request - that God's Spirit would open people's hearts to accept the good news

Over the course of the two weeks God opened the hearts of 93 people. There was more resistance compared to our trip to El Salvador the month before. But God still brought in an amazing harvest! Some who came to the Lord, were already churchied. They believed in Jesus but had never surrendered their hearts to Him.

6. Request - that those who profess Christ would commit to join a group and be discipled

We weren't able to attend all the new groups that were started, but from what we saw and in hearing from the pastors later, about 70% returned for follow up. Thanks for your prayers!

7. Request - that a total of 25 new groups would be planted between the five churches we'll be working with

A total of 29 groups were started, which will all go through the three books of the Great Commission Movement of Building, Mobilizing and Winning.

8. Request - that the disciple makers would fulfill their commitment to disciple their groups each week

Praise the Lord, all the groups are being led by disciple makers.

9. Request - that God would open doors to equip more churches after speaking with a group of pastors there

We currently have a country leader in Nicaragua. His name is Pastor Caleb. He set up the five churches for us to work with. But he also set up for us to speak with seven other churches to prepare for our next trip.

Here's the growth plan for Nicaragua and the other countries we're involved with. Pastor Caleb will mentor the five church pastors we just worked with. Once the Great Commission movement is bearing fruit in their contexts, they will take on other pastors and mentor them in the same way pastor Caleb is doing it with them. The potential for growth and multiplication is unlimited. Your prayers are making a difference!

10. Request - that God would raise the funds to cover the team member's trip expenses

Again, God has been faithful to cover my expenses for this trip.

The Gospel's impact is growing through Central America. We need to celebrate what God is doing as a growing number of people are being rescued through this Great Commission movement. Again, thanks for your prayers and funding.

Drop me a line anytime. I always appreciate hearing from you.

Your Great Commission co-laborer in Christ,

Phil

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