**MEDICAL MISSIONS: NICARAGUA 2023**

**THE VINE.CO IS CARING FOR THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA!**

**WHERE**: Nicaragua

**WHEN**: July 1 -8

**LEADER**: Samantha Reed

**COST**: $1350 -

**Deposit** – $675 due April 15 and final payment due June 1

* Dry Feeding Medical Clinic
* Bibles and supplies Teachers Conference
* Personal Hygiene Parenting Conference
* Street Witness Marriage Conference

**Why Nicaragua?**

We have been blessed to watch Pastor Joe Sevilla grow in the Lord and feel called to plant a Church. Pastor Joe has a heart for the students and young adults of Leon. His love for evangelism, community outreach, and discipleship is a reflection of his heart to serve and minister to the people of Nicaragua. We will stay at The Garden Of Leon Mission House in downtown Leon and serve in the communities in and around Leon. https://thegardenofleon.com/

**ARE THE PEOPLE RECEPTIVE TO THE GOSPEL?**

Unlike many places, Nicaraguans are open to talking about their religious beliefs and most will gladly talk to you about their relationship with God. The country itself has primarily held to the catholic faith, but this has eroded over the years and the country is made up of primarily “Cultural Catholics.” In other words there are many people who NEVER attend any church, but they have a Catholic worldview concerning life. They believe in God, but they don’t know how to have a personal relationship with Him. You will experience the power of the Gospel as it changes the lives of many people in the country of Nicaragua. You will be changed because you chose to participate in the mission trip!

**ABOUT NICARAGUA**

Nicaragua is the largest country in Central America and it offers great opportunities for every type of traveler. Nicaragua is a country rich in history, culture, and natural resources. It borders Honduras to the north and Costa Rica to the south and it houses two big lakes: Lake Managua and Lake Nicaragua. Lake Nicaragua is the biggest lake of Central America and has the only fresh-water sharks in the world! Nicaragua is a word from the Nahualt, an Aztec language. It was used to describe the land occupied by the isthmus between the Pacific Ocean and Nicaragua Lake. It was taken from Chief Nicarao, who ruled the lands during the late 1400s and early 1500s. Nicaraguan land was inhabited during pre-Colombian times by many indigenous peoples, such as the Nicaraos, Chorotegas, Chontales and Miskitos. Christopher Columbus was the first European to explore Nicaraguan land during his fourth and last journeys to America. After Columbus, many Spanish conquerors settled on these lands. Hernández de Córdoba, from whom Nicaragua's currency is named, discovered Nicaragua Lake and founded the cities of Granada and León in 1524. In 1625, the English arrived in Nicaragua and declared it a British Protectorate called the Mosquito Kingdom, which extended from Belize to the San Juan River. The British stayed until 1894. Nicaragua belonged to the Spanish Mexican Viceroyalty and later to the Central America United Provinces Federation, which received independence from Spain in 1821. However, the country did not achieve full independence until 1838.