

# The Stalnakers

– Dec/Jan 2015 Prayer Letter

Dear friends,

I am happy to report from our 70-degree weather that alive and well.... and enjoying ourselves. School and work are finally over for our fellow Nicaraguans, and the town is back into rhythm. We started December with a **Teen** which lasted over 5 services. The preaching was fantastic again we were able to see growth in some precious lives. to say, the trials began in the lives of those that made decisions. This is our constant prayer: for fruit that would remain! Please remember the young people in your prayers.

December 21<sup>st</sup> was the start of the first Sunday morning service of the newly forming congregation in Lucidia Mantilla. We are now holding Sunday School and an AM service, as well as a Thursday night Bible study. It is our desire that by the ending of this year we can expand to all services; until then, we will bus them in for Saturday teen class, Sunday PM. and Wednesday night children's class at Calvary Baptist. Part of my family is assisting in this new church plant, so on Saturday and Sunday we are now dividing between the two locations to minister. I am encouraged with the progress. This particular area is much different than where we planted Calvary and we are faced with completely different obstacles. In January, we held a special meeting with this new congregation over several days. We went soul winning during the day and held services at night. Many people from Calvary came over for the services. In addition to some people getting saved, and new contacts being established, the members from Calvary were truly blessed. Please pray for the new congregation of *Iglesia Bautista Biblica*.

Our family had a wonderful Christmas season, and what a joy when you celebrate Christ correctly. We had a big celebration at the church for Christmas this year. We sang, played, ate, and heard a great message delivered by a dear friend. On Christmas day, we invited many friends over to enjoy a traditional meal, games, and fellowship. My favorite game is going to sleep after you eat! And I must admit I'm quite good at it. Thank the Lord for the relationships He has allowed us to establish here in Nicaragua.

January 4<sup>th</sup> we held our vision service for the New Year. "*Fight the Good Fight*", is the theme that we chose to encourage the church this year. During this year, we gave accountability to last year's goals and set some new ones for this year. Among the many goals, we set a goal to be "on-time" for every service this year. A grading system was established and each week we are publishing the grade to date of our on-time status. It is a fun way to help develop a good habit. Everybody seems quite happy to participate, and it has already had a profound effect.

Another church-planting seminar was completed in January. Up to this point, we have only offered a class for those desiring to plant a church; but we are scheduled to teach another class for pastors on developing their church to have a church-planting ministry. I am continually excited to see the many men that are finding answers and formulating plans to capture their country for the Lord.

Lastly, the new congregation in Nueva Guinea is off and going. The preacher has moved, settled in a house, and is hard at work. Thank you for all those who participated in raising the money to support this new church plant. We recently sent out a separate report concerning this work that can be found on our blog. *Mis dos Amigos* and myself have ventured off to a new area to lay the groundwork for another church.

In closing we would like to point out that for management and expense reasons we have moved our website to a blog site. We believe that it will be a better experience for communicating. Please visit us at: [sosediu.wordpress.com](http://sosediu.wordpress.com) Thank you for your support. May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering.



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