

VARGAS UPDATE

November, 2009

Dear Support Team,

I am writing to inform you that with the end of the school year quickly approaching, there is much going on at MCA and much more to do in preparation for the 2010 school year set to begin on January?? However, I feel the need to share a little about our experiences during the past months. Arriving back at our tiny, cramped rental house in Nicaragua, my attention was immediately drawn to the recliner in which Judy had spent most of her last days in Nicaragua. Without getting into all the pain and ugliness that grief often inflicts, I will say those first several months were some of the darkest, most desperate days that Michael, Chris and I have ever had to endure together AND apart.

The worst part was that my sons were hurting and needed me, the ministry needed me, the school needed me and it was all I could do to get out of bed each day, put one foot in front of the other and literally drag myself through the day, only to fall exhausted into bed each night in the deepest of sorrow. The hours blurred into days, days into weeks, and weeks into months. Most of you know that for three and one half years we had been trying to enclose the house we are building. We were very cramped in our rental house and were trying to cut out the additional expense, but the rainy season kept us from completing our objective, so we remained where we were. Daily tasks at the school were being cared for and for the most part running smoothly, which was a blessing considering how much of the responsibility Judy had once carried.

As the time passed, the three of us slowly began to experience periods of rest from our grief allowing us to all to be more effective in our daily tasks. The rainy season came and went and I began concentrating on the completion of our house, which will play an important role in our ministry here. I was finally feeling more like myself, but there was still a big hole in my heart.

Right around that time the Lord saw fit to bring a lovely Christian lady into my life. I see more clearly with the passing of each day what I must do, and thanks to His loving grace, I am able to focus on my vision for His ministry. The difficult times I have shared with you all in the past occurred for very specific reasons.

With Michael we are working on many exciting things for the new year and I will share more as the details become more concrete. In the meantime, know that the Lord has awakened a new excitement for Him in me and has put a new spring in my step.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart for standing in the gap with, and for, Chris, Michael and me as we passed through many fires over the last year.

I promise to be more faithful in my communications to and with you all and I am moving forward in faith and trusting that together we will accomplish great things for the Lord.

May the Peace of Christ be with each of you,
Henry



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"For the Equipping of the Saints and the Strengthening of the Body of Christ" Eph. 4:12