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MISKITO CHURCH REBUILD

A rebuild project for Bethel Baptist Church in Tazalamni, Nicaragua is set to start in October. Bethel Baptist Church was constructed and dedicated as the first Baptist church on the upper section of the Coco River in 2014. The existing building, after seeing many years of service and growth, will be rebuilt on a larger section of property. Rough sawn lumber is currently being prepared on site for the project.

If you are interested in assisting in this project, please make plans now to join us for a week working alongside this community of believers, national partners, and friends in the Miskito community. There is still a place for you to join this *Adventure with a Purpose*. Email me at tparks@xmaonline.com for more information.

Terry Parks



WHY GET A PASSPORT?

The history of the passport is long and complex, stretching back to at least 1500BC in Egypt, where people were required to have permission documents before leaving port. Over the following millennia, passport-like documents have been used for varying purposes in many different cultures, and their use has waxed and waned according to political and economic tides of the time. The Bible's Book of Nehemiah also mentioned a royal travel document from King Artaxerxes I of Persia around 450 BC.

Why get a passport? They have proven to create better-rounded individuals, make the world a more accessible place, and—most importantly—they are the means by which we are able to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

How do I get a passport?

Even if it sounds like it might be complicated it is an easy application process. It's as simple as visiting your local post office or online at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>:

- Filling out a passport application
- Submitting the required payment
- Getting passport-approved photos
- Proving your identity with some ID photocopies
- Dropping off the signed bundle at an approved passport facility near you (or via mail)

Pro tip: Double-check all required paperwork to avoid any additional delays! Then, sit back and wait for your application to come back to you in the form of a shiny new passport. Wait times average 10-13 weeks, but calculate extra time just to be safe. (At this time the passport processing center is experiencing record numbers of passport applications.)

You never know when the next big opportunity will present itself. God may be calling you to a pilgrimage in Spain, to a remote village in Nicaragua or a cultural tour of North Africa. Wherever He calls you, you want to be ready to greet your next adventure with open arms... and a passport!

Kate Maverick



PLANTING SEEDS

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease. — Genesis 8:22

Fifteen years ago XMA sent a team with Osmany into the Mosquitia. The Mosquitia is the most remote place in Honduras. The team traveled two days by land and one by canoe to a village called Las Marias. They spent a few days sharing the Gospel, teaching, playing with the children, and showing the Jesus film. This village touched Osmany's and some of the other team members' hearts and they returned three more times over the next few years. Seeds were planted, though only a few were harvested.



Osmany hasn't been able to travel to Las Marias again though he has kept touch. He received an invitation last month to travel again to Las Marias. Now the church has become an official church. They spoke of XMA and how because of the seeds that were planted years ago they now have a flourishing, giving church.

This is a great testimony to seed planting. Many times, we don't give short term mission trips enough credit because we do not see the harvest until years later. *But* without the seeds being planted there cannot be a



harvest. Fifteen years ago, Osmany and XMA planted seeds. Missionaries came in from Mexico to water the seeds, and now we see a beautiful harvest. Praise God!

If you are interested in taking a short-term mission trip, I would say go for it. You never know whose life or what village you might be changing.

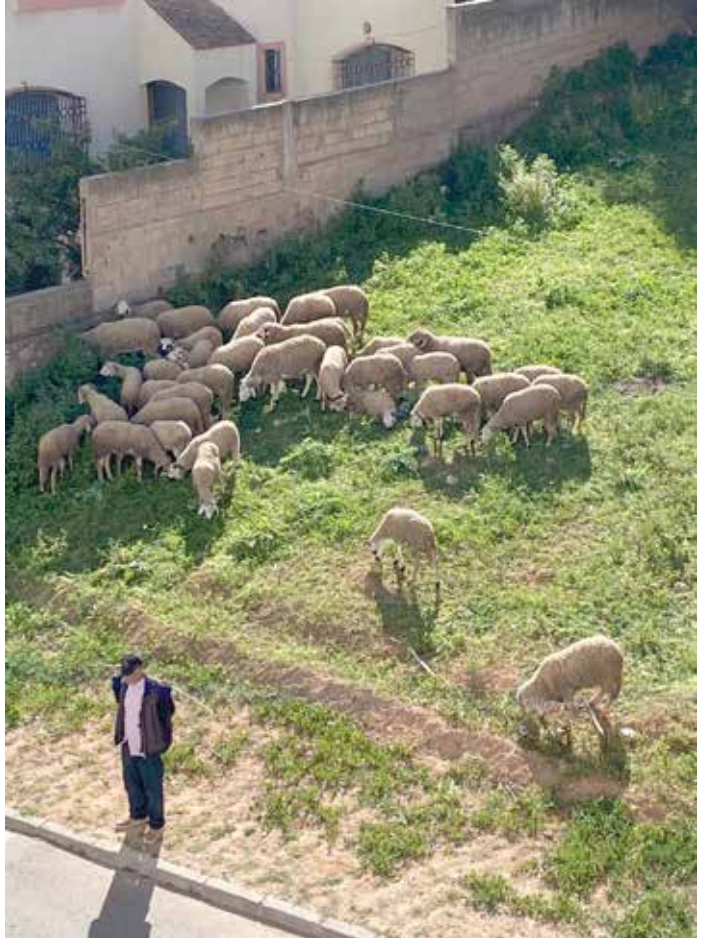
Jennifer Hernandez

SECURE IN GOD'S HANDS

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” — John 10:27-28

There are a lot of promises wrapped up in these two verses. Jesus says that if we are his sheep then we will hear his voice and follow him. He promises that those who hear and follow—he will know them. What does it mean to be known by Jesus? It means to be loved, to be forgiven, to be accepted, to have a new name, a new family, a new purpose in life. And not just life here and now, but life eternally. To be eternally secure in the presence of Jesus isn't something to be gained or lost, but it is a gift given.

Many of us can read the above words and think, “Yeah, I've heard all of it before. Nothing new there.” But imagine being a new believer and literally reading that for the first time! Our new brothers and sisters here go from shock and skepticism to a humble thankfulness when they realize for the first time in their life, they are secure in God's hands.



Please pray that the Lord would multiply believers here—that his flock in North Africa would become innumerable! And be reminded of the magnificence of his grace and mercy that each of us experience in the gift of eternal life.

*Lucy**

**Name changed for security*

FORTY-TWO REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In June, the second phase of the Africa project trained and certified 28 new fitness coaches in Nigeria and Ghana. From this training, a 6-month group consultancy cohort had their first business coaching meeting last week. Many coaches have seen their membership sales triple because of the new market differentiation that the Totalfit brand and messaging on optimal health has provided. During monthly cohort meetings, mentors from America and Sri Lanka are taking new coaches through a Totalfit play book on how to establish a fitness business. The goal of the program is to increase income and impact. The next training in Africa is scheduled for October 2023. Here are some pictures and testimonies of what's happening on the ground.



There are 42 requests from all around the world, where groups need Totalfit's products and services but cannot afford them. If you have a particular passion for a specific region or people group, you can make Totalfit training affordable for your partners through philanthropic investments.

This month, a team of six fitness coaches in Armenia started the customized business consulting with Totalfit to open a new Totalfit gym to reach their nation.

A week ago, Totalfit Performance, in

partnership with Reach Training, brought a Speed Lab training to baseball academies in the Dominican Republic. The training taught coaches and players from DR, Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, and the US how to accelerate in speed from base to base and in life from one season to another.

A video shoot of a new online course on nutrition has been completed. Through this 15-video course, coaches will have the opportunity for continued education,

competence development, and access to high-quality online course materials. This course is on schedule to launch in September 2023.

August 8-12, I will be facilitating a group of disciple-making fitness coaches from across America in Carlsbad, California at a conference. Please remember this in your prayer time.

In September I will be teaching at an International Sports Leadership School in South Africa as well as teaching at another school in India where I will train twenty fitness instructors on how to make disciples through fitness using Totalfit.

Blessings all!

*David**

**Name changed for security*

EXTREME PRAISE

*Praise the Lord, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.*

*For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures forever.*

Praise the Lord.

-Psalm 117

A few weeks ago, as I was serving with an XMA team in Honduras the Holy Spirit used a devotional in our trip journal to remind me of the importance of praising God.

Thanks for being a part of what God is doing through XMA!

Randy Pierce

Extreme Praise

day 4 of trip

Psalm 117

Contained in the shortest Psalm is a solemn invitation to all nations and peoples to worship the Lord! The prophetic call to all nations is clearly seen in the writing. The Lord's desire is for each person, nation and tongue to praise him. Why? Because of the love he has towards us providing the sacrifice that we could not provide. This is the truth we share as followers of Christ and you carry as you share what he has done for you personally. His faithful love does not end with our passing but lasts for eternity.

Let us commit daily to pray for the nations of the world to truly Praise the Lord. He did not die for a particular people but for all mankind.



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JOY IN HARDSHIP

Romans 5:1 says to rejoice in suffering, this sounds pretty easy until we're actually living it. Where I work I see so many children who suffer unimaginable things on a daily basis, so how is it that they are so joyful? How do they smile and love the way they do? And that's when the Lord reminds me that our joy doesn't come from this world and its troubles, our true joy comes from the Lord. And every single one of us is called to transmit His joy through our lives!

Rebeca Hernandez



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