



RCA Global Mission

2020 Year in Review



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As soon as this pandemic ends, we would love to have you join us with your mission teams! We've learned so much this year through our local community and ministry partners. We've learned we should not close our hands to the needy, that we should help and encourage those who are trying to do good to others, and that we need to continue showing our love for others with our actions. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry work.

Blessings of 2020

Despite all the problems during 2020, it was a great joy for us to see two of the girls from Tabitha's Home (Shayann and Arleen) graduate from high school. They were under our care from when they were four and two years old. Seeing them grow up has been a great blessing, and now we also celebrated with them this special day and pray they may continue to always seek God's guidance. We can recall seeing Shayann in 2009 at her promotion in preschool when the teacher called on Adrian to give her the preschool certificate. Now eleven years later, they call on Adrian to give her the high school diploma.



Another highlight in this graduation was to see that, from a class of 28 students, 12 of them were part of the ministry. Some were in the Comedor (feeding center), others in the scholarship program, and of course Shayann and Arleen from Tabitha's Home. Another exciting outcome is that we were able to create more space in the old feeding place neighborhood in July so the children can come back to their original kitchen and continue to praise the Lord and have their normal meal Monday to Friday.

Challenges of 2020

The ongoing challenges we faced this past year were the COVID-19, hurricanes ETA and IOTA, and lack of funding for the healthy child program.

COVID-19 forced us to seek new mechanisms to continue to feed the children. To follow up with the new measurements of the World Health Organization and thus avoid getting infected with the coronavirus, we had to put the food in bags or buy rations and take it to the children's homes. Then, we had to borrow a place with a big space to fit all the children to give them their food to-go. While we did this, kids were always coming to the center to ask when we were going to start to serve food in the kitchen again.



As soon as we thought it would be safe to serve the food in the kitchen, we sought for alternatives to bring back the children to their normal feeding center. Bernardeth came up with the idea of expanding the old feeding center by just removing some walls to make spaces. After doing this, we had a wider space to fit more kids at a time. So, presently we have all the children getting their meals at the original feeding center.

Regarding hurricanes Eta and Iota, they both made landfall on the North Caribbean coast in Nicaragua. They also affected some areas of the Rio Grande (Big River) communities. Both hurricanes destroyed houses and plantations of the people we serve in the communities along the river. Iota caused more damages because it made landfall closer to the south part of the Caribbean coast in Nicaragua. Even our village clinic roof in Makantakita was destroyed. Unfortunately, the government relief was focused on the larger areas of the North Caribbean coast where the hurricane hit the hardest. Given this situation and witnessing the pressing need of our people affected by the hurricanes in these villages, we felt the need to find a way to provide drinking water and food for our people on this side at least until the government could bring help. Getting the freight up the river was a great challenge because they do not have a freight boat to take anything up there. We had to charter a second outboard engine to help us carry the things. On our way back, we ran out of fuel because the weight of the freight burned out almost 90 percent of the fuel. But, thank God that there was a gentleman along the river who loaned us some fuel to make it down to Bluefields.



We acknowledge that during 2020 we had more challenges that came along with the pandemic because the unemployment rate increased even in the informal areas. It was hard for us to continue feeding the children. Our funding was limited and we had more and more children coming to the feeding center asking for food. It was very hard to turn them down. There were times when we used to run out of food and sometimes kids would go home without a meal. This was very sad because before we were always able to get something for the kids as long as they made it for lunchtime, and even when they were late sometimes.

Hopes for 2021

- Put back the roof and do repairing wherever is needed on our village clinic.
- Paint both the feeding centers and Tabitha homes and repair some areas that are damaged.
- Help more children with their education
- Have two spiritual retreats with the staff.

How We Can Pray

- Pray for the feeding centers to have an abundance of food for the children
- Pray for the protection, both physical and spiritual, of the children
- Pray for the healthy child program to have funds for this new year of 2021
- Pray for the children at the two Tabitha Homes.
- Pray for the safety of the medical brigades
- Pray for the midwives and pastors in training
- Pray for the health, strength, wisdom, and more zeal for the Lord of the staff of the Tabitha's Home ministry.

- Pray for us: Adrian, Bernardeth, Abebja, and Abayomi. Pray for health, strength, wisdom, courage, studies, and more love for God and neighbor
- Pray we would receive the financial support needed to give maintenance to the boat, outboard engine, and the vehicle of the ministry.

Thank You

Your prayer cards, your prayers, your emails and phone calls, your words of encouragement, and your continued financial support have been the nourishment of this ministry.

It is so good to know that you are praying for us, as you send words of encouragement and your continual support. They make us feel the love you have towards us and help us realize that we are just an instrument to convey God's love to others. Thank you for your continual support and prayers. We surely need it. Blessings!

Serving together,
Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly