



Update from Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly August 2021

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your love, care, prayers, and financial support. COVID-19 is still in Bluefields, yet we continue to pray for each other as we renew our strength with the help of God for **“those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31.**

With the new outbreak of the coronavirus, we are getting more and more kids coming to get their meals. The kids who go to school in the afternoon would pass by, picking up their meal on their way to school, and the ones who go in the morning grab their meal on their way home. We have been implementing various strategies to deliver meals as safely as possible. More and more new faces are coming to the kitchen to look for a meal and we have been making all necessary efforts to provide meals to as many kids as possible. Recently, we have started serving over 240 meals daily and at times we still have kids that may reach out and not get a meal. We are doing our very best to avoid these kinds of situations, but sometimes we just can't help. However, it is not all sad news because we have been able to give these kids avocados. The property near the feeding center in Beholden bears over one hundred avocados. The kids are so happy to eat them. You can see that they surely enjoyed having avocado as part of their meal for that day; yes, this was a special treat for them.



Kids waiting for their meals.

Regarding the villages, thanks to your help, we were able to repair 91 percent of the roof of our home base and clinic in Makantakita village. We will need to repair the step as soon as possible and replace nine sheets of zinc shortly. We also donated cassava sticks and Malanga routs to each family to be planted. We donated these because hurricanes Eta and Iota caused a lot of floods and most of their cassava and Malanga plantations were lost. The people were so happy to get some Malanga routs and cassava sticks to start again with their new plantation. In our recent medical brigade, Adrian asked some families about the cassava plantation and they said that they were more than a foot high above the ground already. The good news is that we were able to get some pictures! Thank you so much for making this possible with your financial support. Therefore, we can say that God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.



Adrian bringing avocados for the children.

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Growing cassava



Delivering cassava



New roof on our village clinic

Medical teams have been visiting villages and we continue to provide pastoral and medical care along the river. We see approximately 200 patients each time we visit the area. Most of the sicknesses are: diarrhea, headaches, cough, and skin disease, but thank God that we have never seen patients infected with the COVID-19.

Please pray for the safety of the ministry, the safety of our medical brigades, and the safety of our girls as they attend university in Managua, the capital city. We also pray for more financial support to help us face the increasing number of hungry children that is the result of the pandemic and unemployment. If you're able, please give a gift to help us feed the children of our community. With an increase in mouths to feed and funds that are depleting for this need, we can use all the support we can muster. You can give the following ways:

Online: www.rca.org/give/healthy-child-program-nicaragua/

By phone (U.S. only): Call Terri Boven at 616-541-0835

By mail: Please send your check, made out to "Reformed Church in America," and designated "Healthy Child Program Nicaragua" to Reformed Church in America, Attn: Finance Dept., 4500 60th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512, or, in Canada, to PO Box 5070 STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

God bless you and take care,

Dr. Bernardeth Kelly and Pastor Adrian Bobb