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Dear Friends,

What a pleasure to greet you in this holiday season and to share my thanks for your prayers and support. I am often reminded just how much the Lord provides, and YOU are part of that provision!

I want to share two specific stories of how the Lord has provided recently.

Due to the gifts of very generous donors, we were able to purchase some extra equipment for the Pantasma office. In previous discussions, I knew they had needs that CEPAD's annual budget just could not cover. We were able to provide them with some toner cartridges for their printers, stand fans for the office, tables and chairs they can travel with to host community members during workshops, a projector and screen to help them teach, and some extra mattresses for hosting visitors. They are so thankful for these materials, which will help lighten their load as they serve these rural communities. I hope that each year we are able to bless them by providing even something small that will enable their work.



On a personal level, my landlords decided to sell their home, which forced me to look for new housing. While it was stressful and included lots of calls and texts to real estate agents, I knew that somehow, somehow, the Lord would provide, and He did. I found a new home in a very unexpected way that met all my needs and even some of my wants—a second story and lots of natural light!



Another answer to prayer has been the rain! It didn't seem like we would get much of a rainy season this year as it was coming to a close, but we had two weeks of really strong rains. While this was supposed to help the rural farmers, it is unclear yet if there will be a good harvest. Lots of rain late in the season can sometimes cause more harm than good with flooding. While the rain was a big answer to prayer, we also continue to pray for the negative effects that the rural villages will experience.

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These are just a few of the ways that the Lord has provided in this season.

I also want to share some stories from the countryside. I was able to design a small magazine with the help of RCA Global Mission. You will see it soon at your church or possibly receive one in the mail, but I wanted to share [a virtual version as well](#), which you can also share with others. I hope it is an encouragement to you as you read about how the Lord is working in Nicaragua.

Again, friends, I want to thank you for your generosity this holiday season as we take a moment to reflect on how the Lord has blessed us this year. Know that each one of you are a dear blessing to me.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer as the rainy season continues to be unpredictable. That the rural farmers we serve would at least be able to harvest to feed their families.
- Prayer for my move—that all would go smoothly, but also thanking the Lord for providing this place for me, that it would be a sanctuary for me here in Nicaragua.
- Thanking God for our local staff in Pantasma (Fabio and Blanca), for all the work they do and how they serve seven rural communities.

Blessings from Nicaragua,
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