



THE STALNAKERS

to Nicaragua



March-April 2026

Grateful Hearts | *the end of the beginning*

After 20 months, 112 churches visited, 108,000 miles traveled, and 1 memorable run-in with a deer in rural Indiana, we are excited to share that our deputation is complete! During the months of March and April, we had five total meetings in California, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas. Emerson accompanied me to the first three, and we were able to attend the final two as a family.

As Winston Churchill said after the first major British victory of World War II, "This is not the end. It is even not the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." We realize that the life of a missionary will always involve visiting churches and sharing our burden. Still, we are incredibly thankful to have completed this stage of our missionary journey. God has been so good!

A verse that comes to mind is I Samuel 7:12, where Samuel said, "... **Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.**" As we look back over deputation, we can clearly see the Lord's goodness in protecting, providing, and guiding us each step of the way. Now, as we look ahead, we do so with expectation and faith, trusting that the same God Who has brought us this far will continue to direct our steps as we transition to the field.



Thatcher & Finley

We are deeply grateful to the many people who have opened their homes to us, filled our gas tank, cooked meals for us or taken us out to eat, bought diapers, clothes, snacks, and toys for our children, prayed for us, and gone out of their way to show us kindness. We are indebted to you, and we pray that we will bring a good return on the kind investment you have made in our family and in the work God has called us to do.

Next Steps | *plans, prayer requests, and possibilities*

Our plan is to move the beginning to middle of July, and there is much to do between then and now, both in Nicaragua and here in the States. **Please pray for patience, wisdom, and clarity as we pack and prepare.** It seems that there are a thousand "little things" that need to be cared for. Visas, language studies, and our home in Nicaragua are very much on our minds. **Please continue to pray for Kukra Hill.** A weekly Bible study has been established there.

Grateful for your prayers and support,

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