



THE STALNAKERS

to Nicaragua



July-August 2026

Greetings from Nicaragua! Thank you for your faithful financial support, prayers, and interest in our ministry.

The Move | *not what we expected*

On July 7, our family moved to Nicaragua. After a few days in the capital purchasing items for our home, we traveled to Rama expecting to move into our home within a week. The contractor was supposedly in the final stages of the remodel, but things did not go according to plan.

We ended up living with a family from the church for four weeks while the house was finished. They were very gracious hosts and took wonderful care of us, but we were more than ready to move into our own place when the time finally came. I'm not sure whether to chalk up this experience to poor planning on my part or just the reality of dealing with undisciplined third-world contractors.

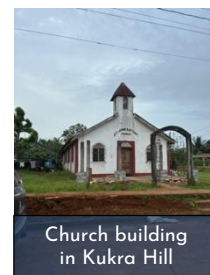


With the Berdines,
Pastor Sam, Jacklyn, &
Anastasia

The Mission | *a Bible study for Kukra Hill*

The work in Kukra Hill is advancing! Through soul winning, we've seen several people make professions of faith and met a family that is going to allow us to use their home for neighborhood Bible studies. We plan to begin weekly Bible studies very soon. ***Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless the work and that He would provide the right national pastor for this church plant.***

On our very first trip to Kukra Hill, we discovered a former Baptist church affiliated with the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention. Several years ago, the pastor left, and the church ceased to exist. The property is now being used by a Moravian church. Pastor Sam and I met several former members and learned that the property is under the control of a Baptist church in Bluefields, on the Caribbean coast. We traveled there to meet with the pastor and discuss the possibility of acquiring the building for the new church plant. Although the conversation went well, no definite decision was reached. ***Please pray for wisdom and direction in our future conversations and that, if it is the Lord's will, He would open the door for us to acquire this building.***



Church building
in Kukra Hill

The Family | *learning & adapting*

The family is doing well and adapting! We have dealt with a little sickness but nothing unusual. Tiffany is making steady progress on her Spanish and learning how to navigate everyday life in Nicaragua. Emerson and Darcy are making new friends and picking up words and phrases in Spanish, while the twins remain their usual happy, easygoing selves, albeit covered in mosquito bites.

We are incredibly grateful for the many people God has used to help us in this transition. What a privilege it is to serve the Lord!

The Stalnakers Family



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