

# The Randalls

## Managua, Nicaragua

¡Hola de Nicaragua!



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**Sewing Classes are Blooming!** Seven women began their first sewing class in a very poor barrio (neighborhood) near the city dump. All around us people are sorting through trash to find things to recycle and sell. These women have dreams of learning a new skill to create beautiful items and the possibility of earning money by selling things they make to help support their family.

Two sewing classes are taking place at La Boquita. One group has already learned the basics and are working on their first quilt while the other group are beginners learning the basics. Almost always, they come excited and very nervous. It takes a while to gain confidence using a sewing machine. One young man showed up for the beginners' class which gives me so much joy.

The deaf and hearing sewing class in Managua has produced an abundance of fruit over the past few years. We have become family to one another and our common language is sign language. We often celebrate birthdays together, attend worship services which have recently been including sign language interpretation, visit in each others' homes, and accompany one another throughout the week to various activities.

One of my favorite activities, besides sewing, is shopping for sewing supplies at the market with other members of the deaf community. It's a pretty crazy experience! Having a community to belong to makes all the difference in the world to a deaf person.

**Upper Room Church Pensacola Beach came to La Boquita for a visit recently!** We visited many families in the community and later that evening we had a special dinner at Casa de Luz. Mark Anderson led us in worship and Buck Waters shared a special message of hope and redemption. Since then, many have come and joined our English and sewing classes.

The deaf community hosted a special dinner to welcome Mark and Buck and to express their gratitude for the many ways they have been a blessing to us all. Before departing for the US, we went on a shopping spree and bought sewing machines and food to stock Elijah's Pantry. The next few days were filled with deliveries!

**Special Note from Sarah:** Hello Everyone! Many of you have watched me grow up from afar since I was just 6 years old when my family and I left for the mission field. For the past 13 years, I have been working as a missionary teacher at Nicaragua Christian Academy. It has been a wonderful season in which I have been blessed with community and rich experiences. I will soon be moving to the United States, and am excited to see what the Lord has for me there. I appreciate your prayers for God's direction as I navigate all the changes ahead!

**If you'd like to bless Sarah with a financial donation to help her get started, please get in touch with her in one of the following ways:**

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New sewing class near the city dump.



Enrique enjoying his first sewing class!



Mark and Buck visiting families at La Boquita



Sarah and her 5th grade class



Praying with families



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