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In March, ZMI's National Directors of Nicaragua traveled to the US to take part in the annual Missions Conference held at Life Community Church in Jamestown, NC. Manuel and Odili, along with their daughter Jesimiel, were able to spend time with ministry partners and share more about the ministry's work in Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica.

This family stays busy! In addition to leading their growing church in Solidaridad, they travel the country leading marriage conferences, teaching **Taking Back the Family**, training leaders to begin new discipleship groups, leading and teaching at The School of Hope, leading a sewing ministry for women and leading youth ministry through the ZMI Soccer League.

In the following pages, you'll hear a little more about each area of ministry as well as an update from Kenya and Uganda.

Nicaragua

Despite the many global and regional challenges over the last few years, ministry in Nicaragua has flourished. Manuel and Odili, along with their family, have worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel message of hope and meet tangible needs of their communities.

Taking Back the Family

In 2022 alone, 1,584 women participated in the Bible study, **Taking Back the Family**, throughout the country. Many women have shared stories about the change they have experienced within their hearts and their homes and most importantly, many have come to have a personal relationship with Christ. What starts as a Bible study, becomes much more than that. As these women are learning from God's word about their roles within their families, they continue being disciplined as they grow in their relationships with the Lord and are equipped as leaders for future discipleship groups.

The School of Hope

The School of Hope bustles with activity throughout the week with 33 children attending after school programs there. Here they are taught Bible, health, life skills and receive homework support from the staff that is supported by ZMI ministry partners. Recently, the school received new white boards to facilitate classroom instruction and the children received new school supplies. Unfortunately, due to heavy rains and flooding, repair work is needed to fix damaged walls and the septic tank collapsed, leaving the school and church without bathrooms. The work is in progress and will be completed soon.



Marriage Ministry

Manuel and Odili have been given a message for families and they are faithfully spreading that message. They were given the opportunity to hold marriage conferences in 67 churches last year and nearly 400 men were in attendance learning more about their roles as godly men, fathers, and husbands. What started as a ministry to women has grown into so much more...it has become a ministry for the entire family!



“ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
-Psalm 22:27 ESV

ZMI Soccer League

In 2014, ZMI established a Baseball league in the community of Solidaridad through the donations of our ministry partners here at home. The league thrived with dozens of youth hearing the Word and being disciplined by our youth leaders. Unfortunately, the baseball field was no longer available and the baseball league came to an end. However, God had something else planned for the youth...



In 2022, a soccer league was established in its place. The league provides Bible teaching, discipleship and service projects in the community for both boys and girls ages 12-20. At each game, those in attendance hear the Gospel message. Currently, the league has 72 players and 19 have accepted Christ as their Savior. There are many more youth wanting to be a part of this league and with your help, we pray for the opportunity to add a third team this coming year.

COMING UP

- ZMI Brazil conferences in US
- Conferences held in Honduras
- On Mission in Nicaragua

Kenya and Uganda

In the fall of 2022, Pastor Alfred and his wife Joan, traveled through several cities in Kenya and Uganda. Many men and women heard God's message of salvation and began studying **Taking Back the Family** and taking part in discipleship groups. There is a lot of excitement about the starting of these new groups throughout the region and they have been asked to return and do additional training for more churches.

While their trip was incredibly fruitful, it was not without its challenges. Unfortunately, they both contracted Malaria and were incredibly ill. Thankfully they have both recovered, and we are so thankful for their faithfulness and obedience to God.



Thank You

ZMI exists to fulfill The Great Commission and we can't do it without our faithful supporters. Thank you for being here and for being a part of the work to EVANGELIZE, EQUIP, AND ENCOURAGE those we minister to around the world. If you are interested in learning more or being involved in what God is doing through us, please email Traci at traci@zmiinternational.org or visit zmiinternational.org.