

ZMI FAMILY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

(Zookeepers Ministries, Inc.)



MENTORS IN MARRIAGE

Marriages built on biblical principles are important to the Lord. The marriage between a man and woman is a representation of Christ's relationship with the church, and no other human relationship requires the level of selflessness and sacrifice as marriage does.

Having been burdened by the devastation seen in the wake of broken marriages and families, both inside and outside of the church, Manuel and Odili have begun training a group of married couples from three local churches to serve as marriage mentors. Upon completing the training, they will begin serving as mentors within their churches. These mentors will equip and encourage the couples in their relationships with Christ and with one another. The discipleship process is to be multiplied as the mentee couples become the mentors.

We look forward to hearing of what the Lord does through these new groups!

EQUIPPING MEN TO LEAD IN NICARAGUA

Men's Discipleship Groups Are Multiplying

We are blown away by the enormous growth in the men's ministry in Nicaragua! Last year, 354 men participated in men's discipleship groups, and as of this quarter, that number has risen to 570! Those aren't merely numbers on a page or statistics to report to ministry partners. Instead, these numbers represent men who are stepping up and learning what God has to say about their roles in their families, their church and their communities. For many men, they have been involved in church for years but have never been discipled. For others, these groups have marked the beginning of their new life in Christ.

We need godly men to move past cultural norms, to break generational patterns and to step into their God-given roles within their families. We praise God for the work that He is doing through these courageous men!



ZMI Soccer League 2024

ZMI's Soccer League in Nicaragua has also been an area where we have seen tremendous fruit! Last season, 74 youth, ages 12-20 participated in the league, and it is far more than just soccer. It is where players witness Christ's love and experience respite from the challenges many of them face. But most importantly, it is where every player and spectator in attendance hears the Gospel at every event.

Discipleship is a priority for those youth who have made professions of faith. Last season alone, 19 players accepted Christ as their Savior! These youth are being equipped as leaders, and we are incredibly proud of them! Thank you to ministry volunteers who work to equip the next generation of godly leaders.

Thanks to the generosity of faithful ministry partners, planning is underway for the next soccer season!!! We appreciate all who make this possible through their financial gifts!

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

-Joshua 24:15

REPAIRS ARE UNDERWAY

School of Hope and Church Damaged By Flooding

The repairs at the church have been ongoing for several months and have been solely funded by donations of the church members in Solidaridad. The congregation's deep love for their church and commitment to caring for the property has been exceptional, and we are grateful for their hard work.

The school walls have also been in need of repair, and we are happy to report that work has begun! In addition, the heat is intense in Nicaragua and in addition to the walls, we would love to install ceiling fans in the classrooms for the students' comfort and to improve airflow.

If you are interested in contributing to the ongoing repairs, please visit zmiinternational.org or send your donations to:

ZMI Family Ministries International

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Taking Back The Family

Our *Taking Back The Family* groups continue to thrive and multiply in Nicaragua and Brazil. Upon completion of this past semester, ZMI Brazil sent pages of testimonies of women telling of how the study had impacted their lives.

Leadership training is underway in Honduras, and multiplication of groups are expected to begin in the coming months. We are excited to see what the Lord continues to do and to hear the stories of redemption that take place in the hearts and homes of women.

Coming Up

We are overwhelmed with gratitude of what the Lord has done, and we are looking expectantly to 2024. We would love for you to be a part of it and plans are being made for our next trip to Nicaragua in June 2024.

If you are interested in joining us for children's ministry, soccer clinics, men's and women's ministry, community outreach or construction, please email traci@zmiinternational.org so that you don't miss important updates and deadlines.

Again, thank you for being a part of what God is doing through ZMI!