

# Annual Report 2015



## Your gift has made a difference.

In 2015 Threefold Ministries has sustained and grown the operation of the Skylark Retreat and Conference Centre in Nicaragua. We support 29 full and part-time native Nicaraguans on our staff there. We provide vital pre and post-natal care including prenatal vitamins, transportation to hospital and support for mothers in our community of Los Medranos. We had over 4,000 guests, 94% of whom were native Nicaraguans utilizing our facility for youth retreats, marriage conferences, pastoral training, leadership retreats, evangelistic outreach and so much more.

Through our Best Start in Christ preschool we touched the lives of 42 children and helped young mothers improve their parenting skills. Through Building a Better Future, we trained young women in new craft skills that they can use to gain much needed income to support their families.

Through your gifts and through the authentic love and practical works of people like you, the lives of many have been transformed by Christ...

...people like Juan, a high school student from Managua who came to Skylark with the youth from his church just to get to know a young girl he had his eyes on. He came to know Jesus in a deeper way and is growing closer to God.

...people like Dan, a young man who came, somewhat reluctantly on a short term mission trip and found renewed hope and a deepened faith in his own life.

...people like Juanita, the middle aged mother who attended our Family Rhythm conference and learned new, more loving ways to discipline her children.

So many lives have been touched by your gifts. Thank you and may God bless you. We look forward to your continued partnership in 2016.



Turn over to see additional details of how your monthly and one-time donations had impact -

### Best Start in Christ

**42 children** were enrolled in the Best Start program for the 2015 year which was an increase over 2014. There were 7 newborns, 25 toddlers and 10 preschoolers who participated. A number of our preschoolers graduated in November. Thank you so much to the sponsors of these children. If your child has recently graduated we'll be contacting you about continued support of our youngest children.



### Prenatal Care

Our programs supported **30 women** through their maternal health journey, through to the birth of their child(ren). Support was provided through the distribution of vitamins, provision of ultrasounds, baby welcome packages, workshops and check-ups by a local Gynecologist. We also provided special treatment where required for conditions like malnutrition that are common in poor countries.

## Building a Better Future

In it's inaugural year, **10 women** from the community came together with the goal of Building a Better Future for themselves and their families. They created some amazing crafts, cards and jewelry through the year! Keep an eye on this exciting addition to our program offerings for the community.



#### Teamwork!

Many of you have generously volunteered your time, talents and treasures in joining a team, and many others of you have provided support through your prayers and/or finances. In 2015:

- 205 Nicaraguans received dental services
- 1191 received medical services
- 75 children attended Vacation Bible School
- 64 students were trained in paramedic first-response
- 48 participated in conferences focused on experiencing the Gospel in everyday life
- Construction projects were undertaken at the Skylark Centre and at a local Christian School Lives continue to be positively impacted through the amazing things taking place in Nicaragua! Thank you and thank you again!



#### VELA Ministries

Did you know that Threefold Ministries' reach goes beyond Nicaragua? We are proud to support Galo Vasquez and the team at VELA Ministries in Mexico City. Their focus is on the training of Pastors and Church leaders in Latin America. During the latter portion of 2015 alone, over 1000 individuals attended and learned at VELA conferences and many more were reached through VELA's partnership with Franklin Graham! Find out more - look for VELA Ministries on Facebook.

## Why we do what we do

The Skylark Centre is located in the community of **Los Medranos**. Approximately 30% of those living in the community, and surrounding area, subsist in extreme poverty with an unemployment rate of 29%. There are no local health care centres in the immediate area and transportation options to larger centres is limited. Water is available for residents for 3 hours or less per day. Children make up 1/3 of the population.

The need is great. It's through your generosity that we're able to provide assistance, changing lives through faith and compassion. Thank you for the support that you've provided through 2015. God's love is greater than the U.S. exchange rate and the Zika virus, both of which we monitor closely. We ask for your continued support through 2016. Be a part of the change!

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