

OUTREACH NEWS



Threefold Ministries' "Best Start in Christ" Newsletter—September, 2018



A safe haven

The teachers and staff of the Skylark Centre are brave souls, travelling to their jobs for all but one week during the worst of the barricades and violence. The various Best Start classes ran as teachers were available and the women and/or parents felt that it was safe to attend. The programs have worked like therapy for

the families; in the staff they have found people to go to when they need a friend, someone to listen or just need words of encouragement. They have expressed that they feel safe bringing their kids to Best Start because they know that they are in good hands. The activities provide a welcome break from the harsh realities that they face each day. Also, they attest that getting out of their houses for a while feels like a recreational activity. The parents and the kids are more motivated now because they feel our commitment to the wellbeing of the people in this community.

New initiatives in Building a Better Future

Out of tragedy comes possibility. We are thrilled to have launched two new learning opportunities for young adults in the Los Medranos area—English classes and Electrical training. Both were expressed as needs via the community survey completed in April. Nataly and Mauricio teach the English class, and Alan from our maintenance team, leads the electrical training component. We are excited about the response, and what these new skills could mean for the participants!



Nataly will also be providing baking lessons to the women already enrolled in this year's programs, in response to this stated additional skill desired by women in the community.

Activity update

What a great trip to the zoo! This annual adventure was postponed due to the situation in the country, but finally took place on



August 23rd. This was a first-time trip for the oldest "Best Start" children, and their parents. Learning about the animals is part of the curriculum, and there is nothing like this fun first-hand experience to make teachings truly come to life. Even the zoo has suffered some devastating impacts over the past months due to lack of income. We were happy to play a part in joining other local visitors who are starting to return.

Threefold Ministries is a Christian organization working towards the vision of seeing healthy, sustainable communities in Nicaragua that reflects God's love and care. We are on mission to engage, equip, empower, energize and encourage the building of these strong communities.

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