



# It's A Wrap: Summer 2018 in Review

**“All things have been created through him and for him.” Colossians 1:16**

Thank you to the faithful volunteers and donors who helped make our summer 2018 season a success! It was an honor to work together! We give glory to God for all the things that we achieved this summer.

This summer we had a total of 1,125 volunteers over 12 weeks, including 29 Summer Staff Interns, and we turned 5,033 bins of fresh donated fruit into 292,044 pounds of dried fruit.

We sent many containers of food and other donated items out in shipments this summer including:

- Children's Hunger Fund received 19,874 pounds
- Church of Glad Tidings received 27,898 pounds
- Container Ministry (South Africa) received 41,594 pounds
- Convoy of Hope received 165,854 pounds
- Foursquare Children of Promise (Cambodia) received 42,024 pounds
- Joseph Project received 126,687 pounds for the crisis in Syria
- Last Harvest (Mexico) received 24,472 pounds

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” —James 1:27

Thank you for your part in feeding hungry people around the world. Thank you for praying for this ministry. Thank you for your generous donations that make this possible. Thank you for taking time to serve. Thank you for every sacrifice you make in the name of Jesus.



# Country Report - Nicaragua



Nicaragua is a very small country on the Central American Isthmus, known as “The Land of Lakes and Volcanoes”. It is home to the second largest rainforest of the Americas. It boasts a multi-ethnic population of six million people. The population is a mixture of European, African, and Asian heritage, whose main language is Spanish. There is also a mix of indigenous peoples who speak their own languages along with English as a secondary language. The variety of cultures has created substantial diversity as seen in the folklore, cuisine, music, and literature of Nicaragua. It is also one of the poorest countries in the America’s; 79.9% of the population live on less than two dollars per day, with many living on less than one dollar per day.

If you’ve seen the news lately, you know that the nation of Nicaragua is going through a crisis caused by political unrest, resulting in human rights violations and government crackdowns against those who are not supporters of the current government. Thousands have fled to nearby Costa Rica to avoid arrest, and thousands more are without jobs, experiencing a lack of food, and a sense of hopelessness for their families. In the midst of these hard times, God faithfully provides and His Almighty hand is moving all over the country.

In this time of fear and crisis, God is using *Feed the Hungry* to bring hope to the people of Nicaragua. We received the following update from *Feed The Hungry*: “We most recently received the support from *Gleanings* with a nutritious soup for our feeding centers. This soup is being used to the full, because our children indeed need the vitamins and proteins that it provides. We strongly believe that this soup is going to improve the physical appearance in the kids, is going to help them to grow healthy and strong, and is going to give them a full life. Our pastors and leaders are so thankful for all the help they have received. They have said, that their kids are experiencing an eternal change and that families are no longer hopeless. Thank you so much for partnering with us and trusting in our work here in Nicaragua. We will keep you updated on how our feeding centers are changing the least of these.”

We want to respond to *Feed The Hungry* by saying “Thank You” for being Christ’s hand extended in a difficult place. Add to that a thank you to all of you who faithfully give and serve at *Gleanings For The Hungry*, so we can provide food and support to *Feed The Hungry*. You are making a difference and bringing hope to the people of Nicaragua!

