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M E R R Y *Christmas* HAPPY HOLIDAYS

For unto us a
Child
is born
ISAIAH 9:6



NICARAGUA

COUNTRY REPORT :



Our 40th anniversary keynote speaker was **Kendra Doult** of **Feed the Hungry**, Nicaragua. Kendra was a pastor's kid who knew ever since she was five years old that she wanted to be a missionary. "I get to live my dream every day of my life," she said. She lives and serves full time in Nicaragua with her husband. They have two adult children who are in college in the states, and one child in heaven.

"We work in the entire country of Nicaragua," Kendra said. "We feed 90,000 children at 900 feeding centers every single day. At noon, the children line up and the feeding program begins. Before they get food, they hear the gospel. The impact is eternal. One of our biggest goals is to help children rise out of poverty. A plate of food allows them to go to school. If we didn't give them the food each day, they'd have to beg and work in order to eat."

When we asked Kendra to share a story about **Gleanings** soup mix in Nicaragua, she immediately thought of a woman from Managua whom she called Matchstick Lady. On her way back from a food distribution, Kendra's teammate pointed out a poor-looking house that they had never visited before. Kendra decided to drive over and see if anyone was home. She grabbed a sack full of food, and brought it to the side of the house. "I looked inside and there was absolutely nothing, just a dirt floor, and some wood burning, and a pot of water," Kendra said. "Not a grain of rice anywhere. When I showed up at the door with a bag of food, this lady was so overwhelmed and in shock. She was a Christian. And she said all she had left was one match. She lit her match and put a pot of water to boil on the fire because one of her kids had asked what they would have for dinner. She lit the match in faith that God would provide. And not long after, I showed up with rice, beans, coffee, oil, sugar, and **Gleanings** soup mix. It was an absolute miracle."



For Kendra, these types of miracle stories are part of her daily life as a missionary. She loves what she does. At the end of her keynote address, she said, "Anyone can feed the hungry. Anyone can share the gospel. But you are doing it. Stay the course."

On the same day as our 40th anniversary event, two containers of **Gleanings** food arrived in Nicaragua. She got a phone call from her team early that morning. Kendra saw that as another one of God's miracles—His perfect timing.

Poverty in Nicaragua is a result of the suffering economy and the constant effects of natural disasters such as hurricanes. Many people are suffering. "One of our greatest desires is to go where people haven't gone, where people don't want to go, and where people can't go, to share the gospel," Kendra said. "What I'd like to say to **Gleanings** donors is THANK YOU. And may God bless your every sacrifice."



Director's Corner



"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of God."

~ Eph. 3:17-18

*Having received God's power, we are now grasping to understand the amazing love of God. During **Gleanings'** 40th anniversary we shared stories for hours and heard many experiences of friends who pioneered this ministry. No doubt, it is the love of God for people, especially the poor, that empowered **Gleanings** to grow from very small beginnings to now sending millions of servings of food all around the world. And our prayer is that the love of God will go with every serving of food.*

I hope you take time in this season to listen to the voice of Jesus who loves you like no one else can.

Fritz Meier