

Newsletter From Nan & Miguel

April 6, 2017

Dear Friends,

We hope you are well and enjoying this beautiful spring.

We are very grateful for your support of United Methodist Missionaries through your prayers, Covenants and ADVANCE giving for us. Thank you so much!

We traveled to visit churches in Hawaii in February and March to thank them for supporting missionaries, or, to ask them to consider supporting missionaries. We preach and present in churches in the California-Pacific conference where we live when we are not traveling outside the state. And in a week, we will embark on a five-week journey to share with Methodists in Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Northern California.

From November 30th to December 9th we accompanied the Lakota Sioux in their struggle to save their clean water and sacred land at the Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota.

Over the holidays we gathered in Nicaragua with son – Daniel (who finished his masters in territorial development in November and is doing permaculture and making goat cheese in Marseille) and French wife, Justine (married last June) and her family; with Daughter Nora (the artist) and son-in-law Lino (the musician and director of Rock FM in Managua); and with daughter Ena (the English teacher). Ena is staying with us for a few months while she looks for a job in the US. Although a US citizen, she has worked until now in Nicaragua. After waiting two weeks for an appointment to take her driving test, she was rejected as they wouldn't accept her two forms of documenting that she is residing in California! Ugh!

As part of the Cal-Pac Disaster Response Task Force we helped host 120 United Methodists at the Western Jurisdiction Disaster Academy March 10 to 13. We learned how to better respond after a disaster, whether as early responders for mucking out a water-logged home or to be part of a recovery team or to be a team leader – and much more. Along with showing God's love, it can be a way to invite people into discipleship for the transformation of the world.

We were invited to be part of preparation this month here in Cal-Pac for people who want to be volunteer missionaries. This wonderful training was designed and facilitated by Global Ministries staff, Una Jones and Kathy Smith. With an age range from 19 to 72, the volunteers will be serving from 2 months to 2 years both inside and outside the US. Let us know if you are interested in serving as a volunteer and we will send you the information.

Below you will find links to the Global Ministries website to read our articles on Hawaii and Standing Rock. Or see the attachment below, thanks.

We pray that you are filled with the Spirit to courageously play a part in transforming our world to bring about God's Kin-dom and show God's love to others.

Fondly, Nan and Miguel.

<http://www.umcmision.org/learn-about-us/news-and-stories/2017/april/0406the-hawaii-district-faithfully-following-christ>

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