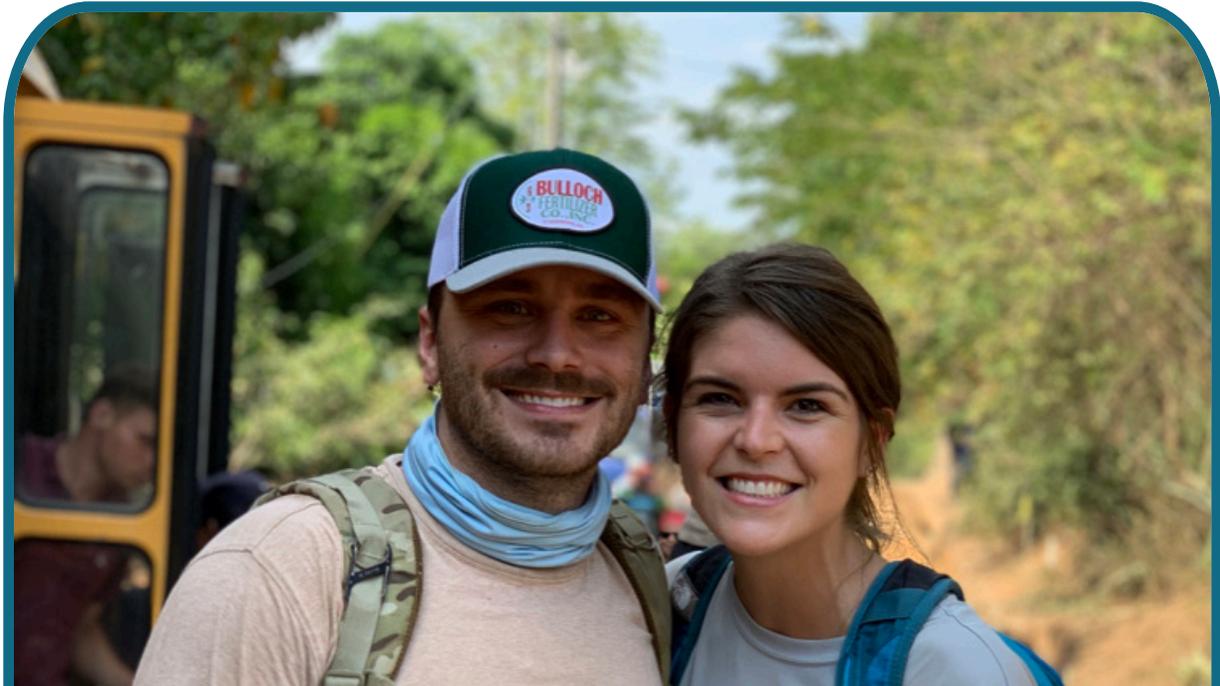




Amigos
for
Christ

BRANDON & ANNA WALKER APRIL 2021

*May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!*
Psalm 67:1-3







Going Home

April has been a great month as we were able to take a quick trip to the United States and make it back safe and sound to Chinandega! Prior to leaving, we had many excited conversations about everything we wanted to do and everyone we wanted to see when we got back *home* to Georgia. Spending time with family (including meeting the newest member - Emory!) and catching up with friends (shout-out to the newly married Ragsdales!) were exactly what we needed to recharge our batteries and prepare for our next chapter here. This time encouraged our hearts and strengthened our resolve.

Ironically, as the trip came to a close, we found ourselves again talking about everything we wanted to do when we got back *home*, only this time we were referring to Nicaragua. When we returned, we jumped right back into busy schedules with both Amigos and Petra. Anna is hard at work at Amigos Academy, and she is helping to make final preparations for the summer interns that will be joining the Amigos team in May. Having completed the 12-week discipleship program on the basics of the Christian faith, Brandon is hard at work on the next topic for the Petra men's group: Biblical Manhood. Also, he is leading an additional small group through the book of Jude on Wednesday nights. Please continue to pray for these great opportunities to share the love of Christ with others!



Community

Returning from the United States, we packed four bags with things that are difficult to find here in Nicaragua. So of course, the *essentials*: decaf coffee, Chic-Fil-A sauce, and oatmeal cream pies. What filled the remaining space made an interesting pair - Bibles and board games. Together, these items are symbolic of our purpose here. Our ultimate goal is to share the Word of God, having fun and fostering Christian community along the way.

From the beginning, our ministry has been grounded in the Word. This is why we have so enjoyed working with Petra Church. In Petra, the Bible is faithfully preached on Sundays, further explored in bi-weekly men's and women's groups, and personally applied in weekly small groups. In each of these

settings, we grow and walk alongside others as the truths of Scripture change our lives to make us more like Christ.

At the same time, we keep in mind the old saying that “people only *care* what you *know* when they *know* that you *care*.” This rings even more true in a cross-cultural context. With a slowly diminishing language barrier, we have been able to add some game nights to our calendar. Board games are such a fun way of bringing people together. Over decks of cards and stacks of dominos, we have shared laughs, exchanged stories, and strengthened relationships with our friends here in Chinandega.

As Christians, we are called to multiply. This does not mean merely making Christian *converts*, but building a Christian *community*. God has been so gracious in providing us with a community here. Please pray that He would continue work through these Bibles and board games for the joy of our community and the glory of His name.



Prayer in Missions

“The history of missions is the history of answered prayer.” - Samuel Zwemer

On April 23rd, we joined the Spates family in participating in Secret Church, which is 6 hours of intense Bible study and prayer for global missions. At one point, David Platt used this quote from Samuel Zwemer to provide a practical framework for understanding the balance of God’s sovereignty and our responsibility with respect to missions. God is working in the world, and though of course He could do this in any way He wanted, He has chosen to work through us - by answering our prayers. Would you join us in praying for the mission of God in the world? To *unite* us around this great commission. To *lead* us to go to the nations with the good news of Jesus Christ. To *use* us to build His church among every nation, tribe, people, and language. To *embolden* us to live sacrificially for this great purpose. In doing so, we have His promise that we will see the nations come to Christ - by His power, through our prayers.

Prayer Requests

Spanish: Pray that God would continue to bless our studies of the Spanish language and give us confidence to use what we know to effectively communicate.

Petra: Pray that God would bless Petra Church that this body of believers can continue to glorify God, edify each other, and reach the community with the Gospel. Pray for the church leader conference in Managua on May 7-8th. Pray for the church's anniversary service on May 16th.

Discipleship: Pray that God would use us to make disciples that make disciples so that His Kingdom might multiply throughout Nicaragua. Pray for current discipleship meetings that are taking place each Wednesday for Brandon and each Saturday for Anna.

Small Group: Pray for our small group that meets every Tuesday night at our home. Pray that God would use this time to help each of us grow in our relationship with Christ and with one another.

Amigos: Pray that God would use Amigos to make His face shine throughout Chinandega. Pray for the farmers of the 1 Manzana project, that God would provide a plentiful harvest in the coming months. Pray for the incoming interns, that God would use them to make His love known among the people of Chinandega this summer.



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Here is a quick video update with highlights from our first six months in Nicaragua!

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