

New Jerusalem Baptist Church Filled to Overflowing - The "April fools" bring the gospel to Nicaragua San Rafael del Sur, Nicaragua

This small town near the Pacific coast of Nicaragua was filled with strange sounds coming from New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Sounds of crowds of people singing and speaking in English filled the block around the church as the Jody Kennedy International team conducted the Practically Speaking English event. More than 130 children attended the children's English program each day. They learned some basic English words and phrases, sang songs in English, heard exciting stories from the Bible and listened intently as our partner, Pastor Martin presented the gospel. Pastor Martin observed that more than half of the children in the daily crowd were not churched.

About 260 teens and adults enrolled in the adult Practically Speaking English programs. Three times a day, students gathered at the church for the 2 1/2 hour class sessions. Through the week, Pastor Martin and the church leaders became more and more excited as they saw the unchurched develop relationships with their teachers and with the church. In the history of the church, there had never been so many non-Christians in attendance at any event. When the course was completed, 96 of those in the adult program indicated a "Yes" to Jesus Christ.



Jane and Pancho Neal teach Practically Speaking English in San Rafael del Sur.

The closing event, Sunday Celebration, saw a standing room only crowd in the church as students, their families and friends, and other guests filled the sanctuary to sing, hear special musical presentations and hear the gospel once more.

Pastor Martin's follow-up team is already at work contacting each student and beginning the process of discipleship for those who said "yes", and beginning the process of relationship with all the others.

The Jody Kennedy International volunteer team consisted of 2 from Hulen Street Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, 8 from Retta Baptist Church of Burleson, Texas, and 1 from Westside Baptist Church of Lewisville, Texas.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to join Jody and Trisha as a volunteer teacher or teacher's assistant. Check our project schedule or contact us immediately to find out how you can be part of this thrilling mission which sees hundreds come to Christ each year.

High-school Aged Teens and Families Needed Ministry to Children of Nicaragua Needs Volunteers

The children at the Hogar Ranchero Hebron Children's Home and the children in the community around Canaan Baptist Church in Managua, Nicaragua need our love.

VBS style activities, games, snacks, and our Practically Speaking Children's English will be provided to these wonderful children.

June 6-13 will be a great way to start the summer for teens, families, young adults and couples.

Contact Jody or Trisha immediately to discuss your participation in these fun and very significant ministries.

For more details, click [here](#).

About Jody Kennedy International

Jody Kennedy International* is the ministry of Jody and Trisha Kennedy who have given themselves to serving Christ through full-time Christian service. In partnership with churches in the U.S., Eastern Europe, and Latin America, the ministry motivates and mobilizes Christians to get out of their comfort zones to take the gospel of Christ across the street and around the world.

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Join us June 6 for the children's ministry and stay over through June 15 for the adult English program at Hermon Baptist Church in Managua. Contact us for details.

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Jody and new granddaughter, Natalie (born March 2, 2009)



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