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“That we should be to the praise of HIS glory.” Ephesians 1:12

NICARAGUA

Pat & Bonnie Ryal in His Service in Nicaragua with ABWE:

## Letters Home

When you see big print it means the letter might be short. I learned this trick in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English class. It was supposed to make papers “seem” longer. I really don’t think anyone was ever fooled. We are now **VETERAN MISSIONARIES!!** Oh wait, do we need to be on the field more than 32 days and 17 hours. We will hold off on any celebrations for our days of service.

Our journey has been somewhat of a roller coaster. That would be, many slow rides to the top of high hills followed by terrifying careening to the valley below with loops and turns that leave one wondering if we will stay on the track or go flying off into the darkness. So far, no flying into darkness only a lot of wild turns. To date the following have been met goals :

- We moved into our house on February 19.
- Our furniture arrived on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Appliances on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Three of the 4 new appliances underwent minor repairs on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We finally got telephone service on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 10<sup>th</sup> we found a car and paid \$1000 down while we waited for funds from the banks stateside. Those funds arrived on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The dealer informed us of this on the 24<sup>th</sup> and said we could come pick up the vehicle. Oops. Not today, tomorrow. But then tomorrow...no, no the next day. Ok, Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, right...wrong. God willing, we may pick it up tomorrow

row March 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> or someday.

Now before anyone thinks this is bad, stop, snap your fingers real loud and remember that we are not in Iowa anymore. Things are a little different here, not bad, just different.

Keep the prayers before the throne. We are in process on our resident visas which would be good for five years. These must be obtained before the license process works. We should still be able to do medical work with a provisional letter from the department of health, but we are not certain how long that will last. It has been slow getting internet connection. This is important for continuing medical education and for communication with you all. Pray for safety on the roads. Folks here drive like they are from...well...pick your favorite place that has bad drivers that you’re not from, lest I offend someone by telling you where I think people drive the worst.

I am attaching pictures of our house, the view from our porch and our new “car”. More to follow.

In His Service! ~Pat and Bonnie

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