

Albertans build in Nicaragua

A THIRTY-MEMBER CONSTRUCTION TEAM from Calvary Lutheran Church, Red Deer and Foothills Lutheran, Calgary, Alberta travelled to Nicaragua April 29-May 12 to share their love and blessings with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

The main task of the team was assisting Calvary Lutheran Church, from El Piloto, Chinandega, a rural Lutheran congregation, to build a new church facility.

A deteriorating thatched roof caused concern for the pastor, teachers and parents of children attending the daily Christian education classes at the school ranch. With rainy season just around the corner and the old roof falling apart, children and congregants would lose the opportunity to be fed with God's Word if they have no place to gather. Those who benefitted from the new church facility were so joyful and thankful to God and His Lutheran Church—Canada for sending angels like this team from Alberta, Canada.

Beside the major construction work, the team also gave witness to their faith and confidence in their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Everyday more than 100 people—children, youth and adults—gathered with their Lutheran friends from Canada to enjoy their partnership. Language was no barrier. They had a profound communication from soul to soul, heart to heart, faith to faith. They know they all are members of the same body. They rejoice because they have the same Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. That's why they told each other Bible stories using different methods. They used dramas, puppets, and flannelgraph. They played baseball, and performed



New Roof and walls made El Calvario a safer place for worship and Christian education

music. The ladies of the team even created a "beauty salon" to enhance the natural beauty of their humble sisters. All of this is done with great joy as a witness to God's love and concern for His church wherever is needed.

We thank our merciful Father for all the undeserved blessings He has bestowed upon us out of His grace and love through Jesus. We thank Lutheran Church—Canada for its blessed assistance to this baby Lutheran Church—Nicaragua.

We thank the congregations of Calvary Lutheran, Red Deer and Foothills Lutheran, Calgary, Alberta for their love and generosity in sharing their blessings, gifts and gifted people with their partner Calvary Lutheran from El Piloto. We thank you for your prayers and partnership in sharing the Gospel where you are.

*From a report
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The team used puppets to communicate the Gospel to enthralled children.