

Florida District -- On Mission

Sharing our resources... reaching our neighbors

Ministry to Churches in Nicaragua



A team from **Tampa First Hispanic church (Kairos)** led by **Pastor Edgar Diaz**, participated in a work and witness trip to Nicaragua, touring multiple churches and ministries in the country, and supporting and encouraging pastors. This effort was supported by sacrificial giving from the Hispanic churches on the Florida District.

Below, the team is assisting with a Bible School in Jesus Maria Sector, Nicaragua.

The Florida District has made a commitment to partner with the districts of Nicaragua in planting churches and the continued development of their Bible College campus and retreat center. A district work trip to Nicaragua is being planned for March 23-30, 2024. Details will be coming soon.





Ribs in Gainesville....



Rev. Mark Bane, Director of Church Planting and Evangelism for the Church of the Nazarene, is working on planting a new church in the Gainesville area, to be called **Total Life Church. He held a BBQ Fest for the local Carver Gardens apartments. "We were expecting 30-40 people, but by the end of the night we had greeted over 100 new friends." **Pastor Peter Migner (Deland) (pictured in red) and Pastor Mitsue Hart (Archer Japanese)** were there to support.**



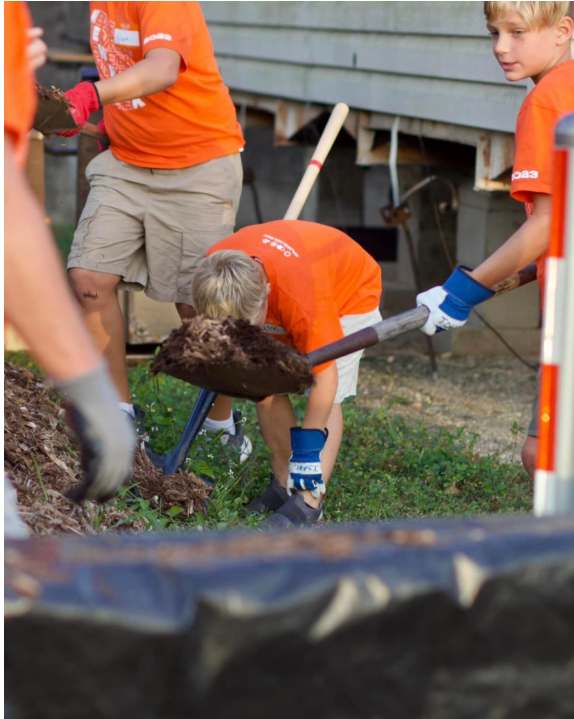
The Hands and Feet of Jesus in our Communities...

"We Week"

Lakeland Highland Park (Pastor Kevin Jack) held its second annual **We Week** this year.

"It's a week where we took on 15 projects to help organizations and people with our service and gifts. We focus on not ME but WE. It's not about us but about other people. We had over 682 people come out to help with all the projects. Whether it was painting, landscaping, buying a gift or packing food etc."

Participants volunteered at local food pantries, wrote cards to Veterans, and packed KdsPak meals, among other activities.



Local Day of Compassion...

Oak Hill (Pastor Tim Howze): "On 10/14/2023, we held a local day of compassion project. During this day, we went to homes of people in the church/ community who needed help with things around their homes. We helped with leveling a trailer home, fixing flooring/ plumbing of a bathroom, cleaning up overgrowth around walkways/ sidewalks/ houses, pressure washing a home, clearing out and straightening up sheds."

Also, during the work day, members who were not able to work for any reason, came and visited with the person the team was helping. "In total we had 24 people from our congregation come together and help those who needed it. We are discussing how often we want to do a project like this."

Baptisms...

Pastor Aurora Acuna (Clearwater Iglesia) reports:

"A few weeks ago we had the privilege of baptizing 16 brothers and sisters from our congregation, with full support from the Church, with an attendance of 100+ people on Sand Key beach. The testimonies and what God is doing are amazing and we can't keep quiet. To God be all the glory and honor."



Fall Festival reports.... and great ideas!

Archer (Pastor Richard Norman) - had a prayer tent at their Fall Festival and received multiple prayer requests.

Eustis (Pastor Bobby Humphrey) - held a well-attended Fall Festival and gave away grilled hot dogs!

Kissimmee First (Pastor Eric Skelton): reports having 11 new guests as a result of intentional follow-up from their Trunk or Treat event.

Largo Living Hope (Pastor Josh Heer): greeted nearly 700 people for their Trunk or Treat -- and handed out Bibles to the participants.

Leesburg (Pastor Greg Brown): More than 200 people came through the grounds during the Oct 31st event. Thirty plus LCN volunteers manned personal car trunks for Trunk-or-Treat; served food; gave hayrides; shared Bible stories; operated a Prayer Station and shared good will throughout the evening. Many workers testified to the blessing of the Lord ever present.

Orlando New Life (Pastor Ed Young): Yard Sale/Swap Meet/ Barbecue on October 21 brought 200-250 people onto their campus and the next day they had their largest attendance in months (37).

Tampa Community (Pastor Richard Stout) reports:
"We held a community event called "Reverse Trick Or Treat". We started out going door to door to homes around our facilities handing out small bags of candy (with an info card inside) and then went to local parks to do the same. The goal was to connect with people,

share some love and offer to pray with them regarding needs in their lives. What an awesome time!!"



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Thank you to all of our Team Florida pastors and leaders who report each month! Click below to see the **October** report - as reported through November 27, 2023. At that point, 69 churches had reported. But let's go for 100%!



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