

# Bob & Barbara Kelly - Serving in Nicaragua

## First week of classes

The week of July 20th, 2010, we opened the school "Colegio Cristiano Manto de Gracia" offering a pre-kinder class to children of the barrio (we live in Zone 8 of Nueva Guinea). The Nicaraguan school calendar is from February to December, and in February, 2011, we will offer kindergarten, 1st, and second grades, and will add a grade each subsequent year. We were very excited about how things got started, and of course, there are many kinks to work out.



In this photo you can see our kinder teacher Ana Cecilia Amador with her first class learning the vowels.

You can link to a short interview with Ana expressing her thoughts about the first week of school. However, I must warn you that she is talking from her desk while construction is going on next door, and the video editing leaves a lot to be desired.

[http://www.gpsograce.org/bobs\\_stuff/AnaA.mp4](http://www.gpsograce.org/bobs_stuff/AnaA.mp4)



Mandy Hollister using her Spanish



Barb Kelly gets back in the swing of school



First Bible lesson in the new school "We are all special to God"

Kids going home on the barrio famous bridge

Those who follow my blog know the story of "the bridge". For kids coming from the backside of Zona 8, there is a creek that can be troublesome. Several of the guys got together, cut down 2 trees, moved them together (harder than it sounds), and nailed some planks on top. Fortunately, the OSHA people were not inspecting it.



Praying with shoe shine boys

There are many opportunities to invest financially in the work here. We will have the operating costs of the school and teacher salaries (which we estimate to be around \$1,100 a month starting in 2011 - thanks to those already giving monthly), and future construction projects - the next being building a basketball/soccer/volleyball/physical education court. After that we will look at building the office/computer lab/library, then a playground, and then the second school building. If you want any information on any of these projects, please contact me.

Barb and I will be in the USA in mid August for several reasons, the most significant being our son Jonathan's graduation from UNT. We will also be visiting friends and family in Texas and New Mexico and will be speaking at Life Journey Church in Prosper on Sunday morning, August 15th.

We appreciate everyone's encouragement and those who already support us and the school project.

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Be sure to check out our blog – <http://nicakellys.blogspot.com>. I regularly update it with pics, videos, and even some biblical thoughts.

May God bless you richly.

Bob & Barbara Kelly



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