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Jesus is raising up Great Commission leaders to reach the least reached

Your partnership makes all the difference!

Today, Christians make up about one-third of the global population—a percentage that has remained largely unchanged for a century. The work of fulfilling the Great Commission is far from finished. In Nicaragua, TMS Global cross-cultural witnesses (CCWs) are preparing the next generation to meet the challenge of sharing God's message within their own country, as well as with the world.

For TMS Global CCW Ronnie, training young people to become disciple-makers is more than a mission—it's his passion.

"We praise God that we've had this opportunity to share the gospel and equip disciple-makers. Several of the youth feel called to minister to the least-reached. One is interested in working with the Muslim community," Ronnie says.

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One of those people is Yeri, who hopes to serve in ministry in Thailand. He says Nicaraguans’ dark hair and suntanned skin helps them blend in around the world where many North Americans may stick out.

“We are very happy that God is using our physical appearance to go into the Middle East and different countries where we can have access,” Yeri says.

For about two decades, Ronnie and his wife, Angi, have mentored young people in leadership and discipleship. The Youth Leadership Program was born 15 years ago out of a deep need.

“We kept encountering people who had so much potential to become leaders,” Ronnie says. “A lot of them were from remote areas where there was little opportunity to be mentored.”

The program helps participants grow deeper in their relationship with God, while preparing them to share their faith with others wherever they are.

“The focus of training the youth has been to help them become Christian leaders in their families, churches, and communities,” Angi says.

From Nicaragua to the Nations

“We have someone who feels called to work in the 10/40 window, especially in Muslim areas,” Ronnie

says. “We understand that in the midst of any situation, God can find a way to work. Nicaraguans can go study in Russia and Iran. Nicaragua is friends with North Korea. Nicaraguans can have relationships in places Americans and Europeans can’t get to. They can’t go as cross-cultural witnesses, but they can go as workers and are able to share the gospel.”

According to the Center for the Study of Global Christianity, God is using more than 10,000 cross-cultural witnesses from Latin America to access hard-to-reach places such as Islamic, Buddhist, and Hindu worlds.

Empowered to share the Word

Svellana, one of the program’s first graduates, recalls learning how to walk in God’s path for her life.

“I didn’t know how much power I had,” Svellana says. “Ronnie and Angi were always bringing in business people, pastors, and leaders to teach us. We learned we were capable of working outside the church, inside the church, and in our families. They taught us not to be intimidated to apply for or interview for a job. And we were told we could be leaders. That gave me the power to even speak at church and share the Word of God with youth.”

Today, Svellana leads a children’s ministry at her church and sets an example for others through her marriage and role as a mother.

“One thing I’ve learned,” Svelanna says, “is that one life touches another life and potentially the world changes. When God put Ronnie and Angi on my way, it was His purpose. I feel so blessed and I want to share with others all the time.”

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Hundreds hear about Christ

Svellana’s brother Juancito also went through the program and now serves as a youth director at his church. During an internship in the United States, he learned about an event where young people volunteer to do repairs and yard work for people in the community. He brought this program to his hometown.

“We don’t come only to work in people’s houses,” Juancito says. “But we also bring the love of God and share the gospel. It has impacted a lot of families. Through this program and other outreach projects we do, hundreds and hundreds of people have heard about Christ, and I would say almost 200 kids have given their life to Christ.”

Another young adult, Milton, participated in programs at the ministry center, and leads discipleship and missions training, supervises VBS programs, and chairs a microloan program.

“Leadership is to reflect an example of Jesus in the world,” Milton says. “We have to do things that will stay beyond us. Because things that come from God last longer than people.”

Strategic partnerships across the globe

TMS Global President and CEO Dr. Jim Ramsay says the organization considers it an honor to work alongside global church leaders for the advancement of God’s kingdom. “While God is still calling people from North America, we’re seeing a beautiful movement of the Spirit as leaders from Latin America, Africa, and Asia rise up to take the good news of Jesus to places that are difficult for Westerners to reach. These brothers and sisters bring unique gifts, perspectives, and access that are opening doors we could never open on our own. Linking arms across cultures and continents is a key part of our strategic vision for how we join Jesus in reaching the least reached.”

By Jenifer Jones

Transforming lives for generations to come

Your support helps raise up a new generation of cross-cultural witnesses— young leaders in Nicaragua who are discipling others and reaching places others cannot. Together, we’re joining God in what He’s already doing around the world.



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