

I am Nicaraguan. I was born in León, Nicaragua. I graduated as a dentist from the university UNAN-LEON in 2001. Before, during, and after my studies I worked in my uncle and aunt's dental clinic.

In 2001, before I began to work with Project H.O.P.E., I worked with a group from Oregon led by Dr. Randy Poe and Rigoberto Reyes, a pastor from Chinandega. Dr. Poe taught me how to help people in need by using my profession. We were always visiting very remote places to bring dental assistance. The clinics that I participated with Dr Poe showed me the great need the Nicaraguan people have. Dr. Poe is a very nice person with great Christian principles. He has a big heart, and that is how I saw the love and compassion of God. This is how I saw myself helping the needy people with dental care. It is possible that this may be my mission.

In 2003, Dr. Poe participated in a meeting with different organizations in Mexico. That's where he became acquainted with the person who would ultimately recruit me to work with Project H.O.P.E. That person, too, has a big heart for the people of Nicaragua. That person is Larry Lewis.

The time I worked with Project H.O.P.E. was in Salinas Grande. After that, little by little, I started working with Project H.O.P.E. Each time a team came, I would be called to serve and help the people where the houses were being built. At the same time, I began to know each of the Directors. They would always ask me for my age, because they didn't believe I was a doctor.

The second time I worked with Project H.O.P.E. in Guru, I met a person who is a dental hygienist who also asked me, "ARE YOU A DENTIST?" I now have the great honor of working with her and thank God we both share the same purpose and feelings for each and every person to whom we give dental care. Her name is Rebecca Loge. She is a full-time volunteer for Project H.O.P.E., sharing her love and the love of God with the people of Nicaragua. Rebecca is from Springfield, Missouri, and she moved to Nicaragua in January of 2007. To this day, she still asks if I'm a doctor! ☺

As of January 2007, I started to work full-time with Project H.O.P.E. as Staff. I continue visiting the communities where Project H.O.P.E. has built homes, bringing the people help and support with all of the different ministries that we have. The most important thing for me is not only to count the patients or to know how many extractions we have made that day, but to give a helping hand – a help that they never expected – a light of hope and an answer to those people who have prayed for this. In this way we are accomplishing, with our acts, Mathew 25:35-36.

We have two medical and dental teams in January of each year led by Director Larry White. We have medical clinics twice a year in the rural areas with Mr. Larry Lewis. I previously mentioned we hold clinics from time to time in conjunction with a construction team. These are only some of the ministries Project H.O.P.E. offers. There is also a program to visit the communities, after the houses have been built. We offer conferences in how to have a healthy mouth, and we help them by providing tooth brushes and tooth paste to everyone, when it is possible.

Beginning November 1, 2007 I will be the legal representative for Project H.O.P.E. I thank God, everybody who supported me to finish my studies, and all the people who directly or indirectly supports Project H.O.P.E. to accomplish these programs. Without the help from God, and without your help, these projects and areas of ministry could not have been possible. Remember, we all work for one purpose, and that is GOD!

With much gratefulness, may God bless each and every one of you....PSALM 91.