

New England Mission Center  
Congregational Support Ministry  
*Mission Flash*

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## **Diriomo/San Marcos/San Juan, Nicaragua**

The last leg of my journey was spent primarily in our Comunidad de Cristo congregations in Diriomo and San Marcos. Diriomo has had to rent a new building (the other is too small – YEA!!). San Marcos has also expanded – their Mission Center has paid for a new roof in the front of the building – allowing all the 45 + worshipers to be out of the sun.

There are still many needs in these two places. San Marcos is desperately trying to reach the youth of their area and since my first visit - they have nearly tripled the number of children attending on a regular basis. But they are in desperate need of a better situation. Currently the children meet in what we in America would call the back yard. Up until just recently they have had a wonderful shade tree to protect them. The tree has since been cut down. So I join with them in praying for a new roof for the children's area.

Diriomo is trying to find a way to support a college scholarship program. It may only cost approximately \$500 US to send a person to University for the whole year (books and transportation included) but in this place that is a HUGE amount. So Diriomo, who has a phenomenal band – is trying to raise the funds to work with a music teacher to write original music and cut a CD, the profits of which will fund the scholarship program.

I was privileged to preach in Diriomo (twice), San Marcos and San Juan. I also had exciting meetings with the leadership and priesthood of each group. It continues to amaze me – how the Church is so different and so alike. We all seem to worry about the same things – how to spread the message – who to share it with - caring for our children, and finding better ways to serve the risen Savior. Guess we're not so different after all! Dona



San Marcos