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Dear friends,

Have you sung the words “through it all I have learned to trust in Jesus”?

God has been teaching us lessons in trust over the past year. In the early morning hours of July 18 our dear friend Jose died suddenly of a heart attack. Jose and Juana, his wife, have worked for us in Nicaragua for over 10 years. Monday through Friday they have lived with us in our home. Those of you who have visited us know them.

Jose and Juana have taught us much about following Christ. They have cared for us as their own family. When we have left for home service we have been able to leave our home in their custody without the slightest worry. Juana has often told us how she prays daily that God surround our home with his angels and protects our children.

Two days after Jose’s death Jeannie and I were back in Nicaragua passing through the valley of the shadow of death with Juana. As is the custom in Nicaragua, family and friends walked in procession behind the pick-up truck that carried the coffin from the home of Jose and Juana to the cemetery on the far side of town. For Jeannie, this was the seventh death of people close to her in three years.

On the way back to the U.S., Jeannie lost her coordination and needed to be helped out of the plane in a wheelchair. It was about three days before she was able to walk normally again. For the most part Jeannie has little memory of those three days. A counselor described the situation as similar to that of a computer that freezes when too many programs are running at the same time. It was as if Jeannie was still holding the ball of her mother’s death in one hand and that of Pastor Dante’s death in the other. She had no place to put this third ball.

This past Tuesday Micah and I returned to Nicaragua as we had planned. Micah started her senior year of high school at Nicaragua Christian Academy on Wednesday. Jeannie has stayed in Grand Rapids until the end of the month for rest and recuperation.

At the gravesite of Jose, the pastor gave a strong and clear witness to the Biblical hope of the resurrection. We too are learning that God’s strength is made perfect in our weakness. We covet your prayers for Micah and me as we adjust back to Nicaragua and for Jeannie as God prepares her to join us on August 31.

In Christ,

Joel for the Huyser family

