

# Teachers transform Nicaraguan communities

EduDeo Ministries

Pablo is a trained lawyer, but he knows the immense potential Christian education has to impact his country of Nicaragua for Christ. He currently serves as the executive director for ACECEN, an association of Christian schools in Nicaragua that partners with EduDeo Ministries, a Canadian Christian mission organization.

ACECEN provides training and mentoring to a network of 95 schools from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds, encouraging them to support one another by sharing resources and expertise. At the same time, essential relationships are built and school leaders are able to uphold each



Nicaraguan school children in class.

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other in prayer as they work to be a shining light for Christ in their communities.

Pablo says mentoring is a big part of ACECEN's mandate as the association works to train key

facilitators who focus on training groups of teachers to also train others, creating a fascinating ripple effect that has spread throughout the Nicaraguan education system. This has allowed ACECEN to

impact more than 900 teachers, who in turn have reached more than 24,000 students!

"This kind of impact could never be made working only with students," explains Pablo. While EduDeo Ministries' mission is to advance Christ-centred education for children worldwide, it often works with teachers to make a difference in the lives of children and their families. The success of EduDeo's partnership with ACECEN can be seen through stories of teachers who live out their calling to serve and mentor not only their students but the surrounding community as well.

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The brokenness in this world can be daunting. Heartache and pain, sorrow and suffering, injustice and hopelessness are everywhere.

EduDeo Ministries seeks to bring the hope of Christ to the world through quality, Christ-centred education. It's focus is on children, the leaders of tomorrow. Research suggests many people make a decision for Christ before their 14th birthdays.

Philemon is a program officer for the Education Department of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Zambia, a core partner of EduDeo Ministries. He is an inspirational example of transformation.

"It was difficult for Dad and Mum

to send me to school because Dad was unemployed," he says. "Mum started her own business, selling items at the market and selling cooked meat from home.

"When I was in Grade 9, my dad died and Mum went to the village. Even though I was selected to advance to Grade 10, I could not afford to continue my education because of the school fees. It was a hard struggle.

"By God's grace, I received sponsorship support from CCAP to complete secondary school. After graduating, I prayed to God, saying, "Lord, give me something to do to give back!" That is when I met Reverend Peter Chipeta and began to work for CCAP. Now, when

somebody says, 'I don't have school fees, I know how it feels. Please join me in prayer for God's intervention in the lives of many more children like me.'

Philemon is a beautiful example of a child who was impacted by the prayers and support of others, and in turn became a leader who is impacting others. He is a passionate advocate for the Sponsorship Program at EduDeo Ministries because he knows firsthand how effective it is.

In his words, "I'm looking forward to this program growing so that more vulnerable children can access Christian education!"

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