



Dr. Bob & Sabina Dayton



Serving in Nicaragua, Central America

Dr. Bob and Sabina Dayton are Nicaragua missionaries under Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI) of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

God put a special love in their hearts for the country of Nicaragua in 1960, while in college in 1960. At the time they had one son, Robert Jr., and it was necessary to raise financial support for the mission work.

They drove a 1954 Ford Galaxy thousands of miles while visiting churches. Sometimes only a small love offering was given, but eventually they managed pledges totaling \$70 per month. God was always faithful. IT was time to head to Costa Rica and the language school. IT was here that a precious baby girl joined the family in 1961. She was named Sarah Elizabeth Dayton.

The family arrived in Managua, Nicaragua, in 1962. The children were 1 and 3 years old. God was still faithful and at this time Martha Kunberger joined them on the field. They needed a large home and found a place six miles outside the city. It was a chicken coop close to a large building that could be used in the work.

The owner sold the 1 1/2 acre property, and the family now had a home. The windows had no screens, the floor was dirt, and it didn't break the \$70 per month budget. This was hard for Sabina and two young children. The temperatures frequently hit 100 degrees, bugs flew in and out of the open windows, drinking water had to be boiled, and there was no shower. Outside was a concrete table with cement sides. One side served as a kitchen sink and washer. The roof was tin. It was a happy missionary home.

In place of toys, the children had pets. They had a skunk, a lizard which lived in the rafters, and tarantula spiders that crawled the walls. The kids thought it was great to have nets over the beds at night to keep insects away. Without a car, travel was by foot or bus. These were not sacrifices, only inconveniences. In 12 years time, the house received a ceiling.

The faith ministry grew and now includes a Bible School, over 180 churches with over 20,000 people meeting weekly. Over 3,600 boys and girls attend Christian school and AWANA clubs are growing. Over 300 locally trained pastors serve in churches, many of which are in remote areas. Students in the school need financial support, and church building continues.