PRAY

- That people come to know God’s love through the CEPAD staff and their efforts to reduce rural poverty in Nicaragua.

- For the EMI Nicaragua office to be united and effective in their work and gospel witness.

- For grace and guidance as Phil transitions into EMI and continues to study Spanish.

- That God sets a strong foundation in Phil and Olivia’s marriage, rooted in their identity in Jesus Christ.
Community and family are the foundation of life in Nicaragua. Half of rural Nicaraguan families face extreme poverty, with lack of access to food, basic services, and education. Phil and Olivia work with local partners to help meet Nicaraguans’ physical and spiritual needs.

Olivia facilitates church partnerships and volunteer opportunities for the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua (CEPAD). Through faith-based leadership development, pastoral training, and food security programs, CEPAD ministers to the marginalized and helps communities break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

Phil serves as an associate structural engineer for Engineering Ministries International Nicaragua (EMI). He designs for Christian projects and disciples young professionals. EMI desires to see people restored by God and the world restored through design.

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