

# BAILEY GILLIS

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## Quick Highlights

- September topics: Conditional sentences, kitchen words, pets, chores, spelling, and more!
- This month we enjoyed a week off to celebrate Independence Day.
- 2024 Fundraising Update:  
 Raised: \$1,000  
 Goal: \$13,000

## Prayer Requests

- My physical, emotional and spiritual health
- Wisdom in planning for next year and for an increase in the number of group visits next year
- Unity and personal growth within the PCA leadership team.
- For government approval to open and operate the PCA high school

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## Celebrating Independence Day

September is the patriotic month in Nicaragua, as they celebrate not only Nicaragua's independence, but also independence from Guatemala to Costa Rica. We celebrated at PCA with 3 different activities: two days of cultural dances, poems and songs and one day of a reenactment of the major battle that won the independence. This is a time for the students to not only learn about and celebrate the history of Nicaragua, but it's also a chance for them to present their skills in these different areas. This year was especially special because the preschoolers not only attended the presentations, but also did a few of their own. Patriotism is so important to Nicaraguans and they always have so many beautiful activities to express it.





## Financial Support



My sister-in-law and nieces

I am so excited that thanks to the generosity of so many, I'm now fully funded for 2023 and already have \$1000 raised towards 2024! But as always, I'm looking to have more monthly supporters for 2024. If you're interested in making a one time or monthly donation, you can do so in the following ways:

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Dubois, WY 82513
2. Online at [lovepala.com/donations/give](https://lovepala.com/donations/give)  
Once you click "Donate Now" and enter the payment info, type my name in the comment box  
\*Note: Donating online has a fee of 5% for every transaction. If possible, please cover the fee or donate through check, which has no fees :)
3. Venmo: @BaileyGillis  
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My group ready to start marching! →

The entire school marching ↓



Leading up to Independence Day, all schools in the entire country perform a march throughout the city, and we're no exception. This year I lead the group of first and second grades, and while they were at times challenging during practice, on the day of the

march they did so well despite the heat and the unexpected elongation of the route. I was so proud of them!

### English Presentations

This month the 5th graders worked on a presentation on a recipe in English class. In their groups, they had to decide on what recipe to present, prepare a visual presentation, and present the ingredients and steps all in English. This was something very outside of their comfort zone but most of them did an excellent job and had some very creative presentations. Some even brought food to share with the class. I always try to make English class interesting and fun for my students, and I think I can say mission accomplished with this project!





*Visa Trip*

This month I had to leave one again to renew my 90 day visa. But the good news was that this time my husband Douglas was able to accompany me. It was a very quick trip, but we spent one day walking around the city and the second day we went to the beach. Overall it was just nice to get out of the routine a bit and spend time together.



*More Pictures!*



Learning basic first aid in children's ministry ←



Earthquake drill →



English presentations in 5th and 6th grades

Leading worship at a united service

