

around and speak to this doctor and her husband, but I wasn't sure why. We came to find out they knew a neighbor who lived very close to the direction to the Elders' house that we had been given. She called her friend and her friend knew the Elders for they lived right next door. So we were able to notify Elder Peña by phone. I knew it then as I'm certain of it now that the Lord was in fact watching over us and guiding our footsteps."

-Sister Susan Oaks-

"The thing that impressed me the most was the desperation of the people in the airport. They desperately ran to leave and none of them had smiles. I only saw pain and desires not to be in their land because they knew that the war was about to explode. I have never seen so much separation and agony in one place."

-Sister Nora Trigueros-

"Everything was dark, the streets were barricaded, and the guerilla fighters were yelling from all sides. As we were returning to the chapel where we live, everything was dark and some people were telling us it was better if we didn't continue on because they were going to kill us for being "gringos" with the white shirt and tie and they didn't know that we were "Ticos". My companion and I took off our ties so we wouldn't look like "Gringos" and said to ourselves, "No, if we are going to die, we're going to die like missionaries." So we put our ties back on. When we did this, a spirit of peace came to our souls as if it was saying to us "Peace be unto you" or "to your souls, your way is protected." And so, we arrived to the chapel without any misfortune. In the chapel there had been a spirit of security and peace because we had blessed it with the powers of the priesthood against all wicked power or influence that existed in the world."

-Elder Guido Guerrero-

"In each case the Lord gave us His help which we were able to feel. I know that He watches over His children. I know that He lives and that He loves us and I know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is true and that we have His authority to do this work and prepare the way for His second coming. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

-Elder Ronald Alfaro-

"I mainly remember the tenseness of the people with whom I worked. The National palace was in my area, and we were always having the National Guard helicopters flying over. Though I often heard the guns and bombs and armored cars, as well as the helicopters full of the dead and wounded bodies of the fallen, I don't really have any eye witness stories. I must say, and I so know, that our heavenly Father answered my prayers for protection. I was constantly directed to less violent areas of my area."

-Elder Anthony Martineau-

"When they decreed the martial law, you could hear the sounds of bombs and machine gun fire in different places. Buses, taxis, houses, and other things were burned. People were running here and there, but we weren't afraid. However, when they decreed the martial law completely and when the President of the Branch came over while we were already in bed to tell us we had to leave, we became afraid."

-Elder José Saucedo-

"One thing that was really interesting is that President flew into Managua and met Elder Lundell on the runway to give him an extra \$1200 in cash to use for plane tickets. It was pretty sharp the way it was done. The money was really a welcome sight because we all had been living the law of consecration. Everybody's money was going in different directions. I guess I gave a total of \$75.00 to work with and believe me it all went for a worthy cause. I really learned alot about living the law of consecration and that is that it is a very hard thing to do. I can see why the Lord took it away from the Saints in Joseph Smith's days. For it to work everyone has to be willing and somehow not everyone feels that way."

-Elder David Justeson-

"All was going so good in our last discussion of the night. I was in the middle of my C-2 discussion when out of nowhere shots were being fired and we all found ourselves on the floor. Shots were bouncing off houses as we heard the people run for whatever protection their small wooden houses would offer. There was a moment of silence, then more gun fire, only this time it was a submachine gun shooting at anyone or anything that moved. It wasn't till then we had a realization of what was happen-