



Hello Vineyard!

We can't believe it's already been over a month since our "Party on the Patio" to celebrate what God had done throughout the Expansion Project Response Period. For us on the Project Team, these last several weeks have flown by as we've been busy keeping the process moving toward ground-breaking! Read below for updates on each of the areas of the Expansion Project: Building, Partnership & Response.

BUILDING:

With our general plans complete, we're working on finalizing specific design decisions with the architect and civil engineer. Our General Contractor is also working on getting bids from various subcontractors, which will help us improve our cost estimates. We're pushing towards having a preliminary construction schedule and moving on to the next step of pursuing zoning board approval and building permits (at least a 2-month process). In the last few weeks, we've also been talking with three banks about our construction loan. We have a good offer from one and hope to make a decision in the next few weeks!

PARTNERSHIP:



In 2016, our church entered into a formal Vineyard Missions Partnership to help support and encourage church planting and the training of new leaders in the Vineyard Movement in Nicaragua: vineyardmissions.org/nicaragua. We have supported one of these churches, La Vina Church and School in Bluefields, for several years and as part of our Expansion Project Partnerships, we plan to support their building projects so the church can continue to serve and grow (see p. 21-22 of the [Project Booklet](#) for more). As we move further into this partnership, we've learned more about what God is doing:

- There are now 10 Vineyard Churches countrywide (ranging from well-established to new plants)
- Combined, these churches minister to, feed and educate hundreds of children and families
- Several churches are planning to build more permanent structures, including our project in Bluefields
- Churches dream and work towards more church plants in Nicaragua and in all of Central America

Please pray for the Vineyard Movement in Nicaragua and learn more!

RESPONSE:

We're so excited that we've had 48 families respond to the Expansion Project so far! Our goal continues to be for each person in our church to have a rich and authentic conversation with God about the response He wants each of us to have to this expansion project. We know that many of you are still processing through your response – keep at it! Know that you can still respond any time here: www.stlvineyard.org/expansion/respond. If you'd like to talk to a pastor as you are processing your response, don't hesitate to contact David or one of the Leadership Community Pastors, listed below.

June 2017 Update:

Total Responses:	48
Prayer Commitments:	46
Partnership Interest:	10
Total Fund + Commitments:	\$648,128

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Thanks!

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