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Familiar Faces: Dad works to help kids, despite death of his son

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Courtesy

Brandon Mecier with a few of his “kids” from Nicaragua during one of his annual trips through his non-profit endeavor, Faithful Stewards.



Brandon Mecier and his wife Alisha started Faithful Stewards almost six years ago. It is a non-profit corporation established for charitable purposes for those in the El Dorado Hills and surrounding communities as well as globally.

They partner with other charities, businesses, individuals and churches to collectively make a positive impact in the community and in the lives of others.

What inspired you to start Faithful Stewards?

We wanted to help our community become known not for how much we have but for how much we give. The more I allowed God to shape and transform my heart and mind the more I started caring about the things he cares about.

We are equally passionate about meeting the practical needs of those less fortunate, while at the same time helping shape the hearts and minds of individuals to be generous and compassionate. I have found those two things work hand in hand.

What do you love most about your job?

I really love all aspects of the work I am able to do. I have the rare opportunity where my life, faith and work are all intertwined. Not one area is distinguishable from the other.

I love all of the people I get to meet and build relationships with. I really love all of the children that I see regularly locally and in Nicaragua. They melt my heart and bring so many smiles to my face.

I also love being able to contribute to making a significant and lasting impact in many people’s lives and to be able to live a life of purpose that is so rewarding.

Any activities you are looking forward to in the near future?

Yes. Next week we have a team of 12 people locally that are going to Nicaragua for a week. This is our fifth consecutive year of trips to the same village in Nicaragua.

This year our trip is based around a soccer festival for the kids. We are looking to transport 280 children daily to a soccer complex and teach them the skills and fundamentals of soccer. They will also receive cleats, a jersey and soccer ball.

On the last day we will have a huge tournament, awards ceremony and banquet. We will be bussing much of the community to come watch and cheer on the players. I’m very excited for this opportunity.

Tell me about your family.

My wife Alisha and I have been together almost six years. I have a stepson, Mason, who just turned 15 and a son Carter who would be 8.

Last summer Carter was hit by a car and was killed by the accident. It has been a very difficult year learning how to adapt and navigate through this tragedy. Carter brought so much joy and fulfillment and purpose in my life. I can't really describe in words but we have such a unique and special bond and relationship.

I miss him so much and can't wait to be reunited with him someday. It is very hard to be separated from him and to not have any communication with each other.

I just have to be patient — not one of my strengths — and continue to make as much impact with my time here on earth.

What places do you like to visit?

I would say my three most memorable areas would be going to Palm Springs, Kauai and Belize.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time.

I love spending time with my family, going on walks, reading, golf and spending time with kids I am close with.

What is one thing people might be surprised to learn about you?

I'm an introvert but people think that I'm an extrovert because I plan activities, organize events and interact with people quite a lot.