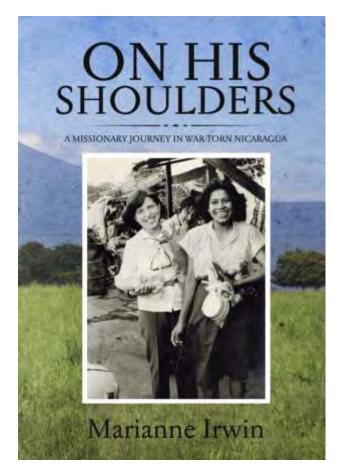
## **Recommended Reading: On His Shoulders by Missionary Marianne Irwin**

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On His Shoulders: A Missionary Journey in War-torn Nicaragua, Marianne Irwin captures how an impossible mission can be made possible when supported by the shoulders of God, our Heavenly Parent. In early 1975, three Unificationist missionaries, one American, one Japanese, and one German pioneered to Nicaragua. Upon arrival, the missionaries go on an unexpected ride: the heat of the tropics, unknown language, foreign food– and the collision of four cultures, those of the missionaries as well as Nicaragua's.

Throughout their multitude of challenges, from learning to work together in harmony to hurricanes and earthquakes, the missionaries became closer to God in ways they could not have foreseen. Then, when things start to improve, the scourge of the Sandinista's communist takeover the country which led their mission work to go underground.

"This is a story of faith, love and courage. What these brave missionaries did to spread the message of True Parents is something the world should know," said Rev. Kevin Thompson, District 11 Pastor.

"This is a testimony to uplift a new generation that is now venturing into the mission field -- to affirm that when you step out for Heaven, our Heavenly Parent is right there," said Marianne.