

New Alyshia Van Kannel Unabridged* 2016 Dictionary

Fully Revised and Updated

Airplane (air-playn), *n.* **1.** an aircraft kept aloft by the upward thrust exerted by passing air **2.** a machine that I am now overly familiar with **3.** a mode of transportation that took me back and forth between family, friends, and ministry/teaching for Christmas again this year

Chikungunya (chi-ken-goo-n-ya), *n.* **1.** A viral, mosquito-borne illness that causes predominately fever and severe joint pain. It also includes muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue, and rash. **2.** My January through March experience.

First Graders (furst grey-der), *n.* plural. **1.** The collective 27 six- and seven-year-olds in Miss Van Kannel's class **2.** a living, breathing tornado of energy, excitement, love, and snot **3.** my reminders to be present, patient, creative, grace-filled, and loving

Hope (hohp), *v.* **1.** to believe, desire, or trust **2.** the feeling that I get when I think about 2017 and what life in Nicaragua might continue to grow to look like

Lake (leyk), *n.* **1.** a body of fresh water of considerable size, surrounded by land **2.** my perfect haven of rest and contentment in the midst of a busy summer **3.** a place to spend time reading many books, curling up on the dock, laughing, and catching up with family and friends

Ni-car-a-gua (nik-uh-rah-gwuh), *n.* **1.** a republic in Central America **2.** a country that I still love to call home **3.** a place where you are often simultaneously disappointed in the lack of hot water and lack of cool temperatures **4.** a land that continues to astound me by its beauty and love

Spanish (span-ish), *n.* **1.** a Romance language **2.** the bane of my existence some days, a source of laughter some days, and a bridge that unites me with others and humbles me each day **3.** a massive project in which I intend to invest more intentional, devoted time to by remaining in Nicaragua this summer for 7 full weeks of classes and living with a Nica family

Sweat (swet), *v.* **1.** to perspire, especially freely or profusely **2.** what happens all. the. time. **3.** something I *think* I may be starting to get used to? Maybe?

Ti-ny Ho-me (tahy-nee-hohm), *n.* **1.** a home smaller than 400 sq ft **2.** our beautiful, simple, new Nica home that has been called all of the following: a princess cottage, a peaceful haven, and a glorified dog house **3.** our refuge from daily school life **4.** a space to host new and old friends for meals each week

Travel (tra-uh-l), *v.* **1.** to journey or wander **2.** an opportunity to marvel at active volcanoes, monkeys, oceans, shipwrecks, and so much more **3.** time to learn, restore, and grow

o-ver-joyed (oh-ver-joi-d), *adj.* **1.** feeling great joy or delight **2.** how I feel when I think of the birth of our Savior, the blessings God has given me, of family and friends, and health and opportunities

We-wish-you-a-Mer-ry-Christ-mas (we-wish-yoo-a-mer-ee-kris-muh-s), *phrase.* **1.** and a Happy New Year

*Actually, extremely abridged