

November Adventures

We were blessed this month by being able to actually begin our ministry! What a pleasure it has been to be doing the work the Lord had initially instilled in us!

We began the month by drilling a well for the New Horizon School in Lambare. This school wasn't initially on our list for needing a well this soon, but starting our drilling near Asuncion was a blessing. What could have gone wrong or broken did! But, whatever the situation, the Lord was there to provide guidance. We've met several drillers in Paraguay who have offered free use of equipment, ideas, suggestions, and just general encouragement. Starting near the capital was definitely a "God thing"! The School has access to public water, but the water supply is very unreliable, with frequent down times. The School will eventually have 700 students, so reliable water supply was important. This well was drilled to 250', much deeper than we had anticipated.



Water flowing after well was completed



Drill team in front of pump
back - Dilio & Esteban,
front - Ed & Linda

As you can see, we now have an official "Drill Team". Esteban is Pastor Pablo's brother and adds to the team expertise in general building as well as plumbing. He is also an evangelistic pastor. He and Ed preach where ever we go. Esteban is the typical Methodist revival preacher and always ends his sermons with an alter call. Dilio is a 24 year old Paraguayan. He adds strength, determination, and good spirit to the team. Ed is the lead driller while Linda takes care of equipment, sampling, and note taking.

For our next project in November we headed out to Yrubucua, about a 5-6 hour drive from Asuncion. Our first well was at the guest house. This house is used by work teams in the Yrubucua area and is mainly sponsored by a Korean Methodist Church in New Jersey. They had a hand dug well which did not provide sufficient water. We only had to drill 150', which after the well in Lambare, was much easier! Since we did not have a local water supply (our rig has a water mud pump), we headed to the creek daily for water to use in the drilling. The children were a great asset in helping with our water needs.



Drilling in Yrubucua



As you can see, fun was had by all when we went to get water – a relief from 118° temperatures!



Installing PVC pipe in well



Ed & Dilio, plus children behind, installing pipe for pump

We have plans for another well in the Yrubucua region before Christmas, but that will be the story for December!

On another subject, Linda came back to Atlanta on December 1st. Our younger daughter, Kara, had emergency surgery on Thanksgiving Day. She had a ruptured appendix, and was in the hospital for 9 days. This included celebrating her 22nd birthday in the hospital. Recovery is going well, but it will be 6 weeks before she is back to a normal schedule. We thank everyone for allowing us the flexibility in our schedule for Linda to be with Kara during this time.

Ed continues with our original schedule of returning to Atlanta on December 16th. We look forward to seeing everyone during our time in the United States.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*