



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER NOVEMBER, 2009

November has been a time of enjoying family & friends in the US.

The 2nd week of November we headed to Colorado to attend a Debriefing and Renewal training. We enjoyed meeting other missionaries who are either changing field, or home on furlough. It was good to know others stood in the grocery store marveling at the 500 flavors available in potato chips; and then walking away unable to buy anything since we were so overwhelmed! We shared other aspects of our lives such as saying goodbye to some dear friends, and being able to say hello to some new folks we hope to have as friends.



While in Colorado (besides trying to breath since the state has no oxygen), we visited a Methodist church who has supported us since 2002. It is La Veta UMC, located in the small town of La Veta, CO. We mean SMALL, the year round population of the town is 800, but it grows to 1,500 during the summer. The beautiful town is located in the Southern part of Colorado, just under the Spanish Peaks, which

are part of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The town is the home of many local artists. It was a great break for us and a time to relax in the beautiful mountains.

This month we've learned more things about ourselves. Besides being flatlanders, we know when we need to move farther south. If we see a sign that says "Bridge Ices Before Road" – we are too far north! Also, if a church kindly provides lap blankets on each pew – we are too far north!

We came home to Lawrenceville with a long list of home repairs. Ed's brother, Cliff, joined us to help with lots of projects. It was good to spend some time with Cliff, not only working – but lots of talking & catching up. We did manage to complete our long lists of items, which has been very satisfying.



We had the opportunity to speak at one of our local supporting churches, Oak Grove UMC, located in Decatur, GA. The pastor at Oak Grove, Glenn Ethridge, was the former pastor at our home church, Cannon UMC. It was good to catch up with Glenn and the many supporters we have at Oak Grove.



We were in our state side home for Thanksgiving this year, the first time in 9 years! It was good to have turkey & dressing made the way we like it. Linda's sister & her husband, Brenda & Jeff Smith came to visit during the holidays. We were also joined by our daughter, Kara and her boyfriend.

We'll end this month with a couple of photos of the Young Life group in Nicaragua. We mentioned in our September Nica News about how Young Life is organized in Nicaragua. It's by neighborhoods; this includes those students who are not in school. We helped the group with the purchase of baseball equipment and theatrical supplies. This will enable the group to reach out to even more youth in the Chinandega area.



Youth like to "perform" in what ever country!

We hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and are heading toward a magnificent Christmas.

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