



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

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We started and ended October with extreme temperature changes! Here's what happened...

The first week of October, we hosted a mission team from Ed's brother's church, First Presbyterian of Hilton Head, SC. They began their week with another mission group, working in the capital city of Managua. We enjoyed getting to know the 6 team members. The end of the week they came to our area of Nicaragua to see what was happening in our ministry. We visited with the folks from Amigos for Christ, sharing their ministry as well as visited a couple of our project sites. One of the programs Amigos has started is called Bead Amigas. A group of women living in Villa Rotario have started a business of making beads from paper; and then using the beads to make jewelry. Some of the women are now making as much as \$100 a month – and that's a HUGE blessing for these folks. The First Presbyterian group brought down some wallpaper (the best product to make the beads), and we were able to share the paper with the beautiful community, located at the base of the mountains.



Left – team members at Villa Rotario

Above – all kids like to color



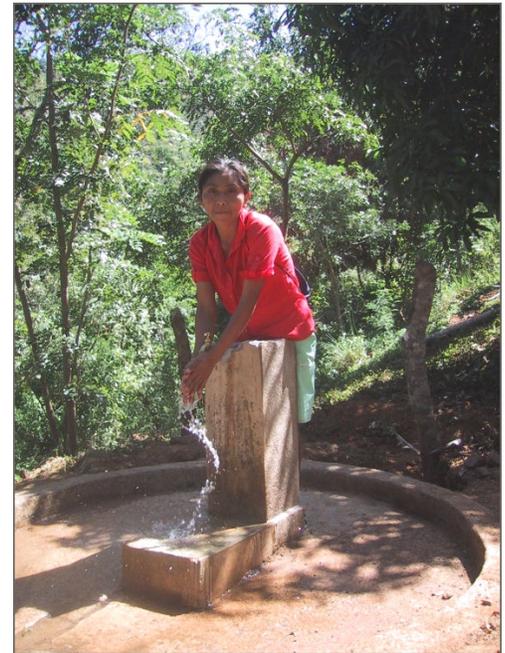
Ed was able to take a break from driving the VBS ladies for a day to go help with the installation of the tin roof at the House of Hope, a center for women coming out of prostitution.

The team also brought crayons that were given to the children at our next project in El Volcan. You may remember we wrote about El Volcan in our August News. We spent a few days getting their spring box repaired, and delivering some much needed materials. The plumbing has been repaired and the folks are enjoying water running closer to their houses!



How do you get a 500 lb. sink up a mountain, 1 step at a time and lots of help!

Lady finally enjoying water closer to her home



We have mentioned several times about working with the drill team from Amigos for Christ. This has been a delightful group of Nicaraguans to get to know. We've shared many funny stories with them. One subject we talk about is food. The North American teams that come to work with Amigos generally have a peanut butter/jelly sandwich for lunch – easy to carry and doesn't need refrigeration. The Nicas think this is terrible! We tried to tell them the good qualities of peanut butter, but the best way to explain was to make some peanut butter cookies to share at our weekly meetings. The guys loved the cookies!



By the end of the month we were in Atlanta attending the memorial services of Ed's Aunt Weasie, who passed away on September 17th. We've learned 2 things about ourselves this month – we are DEFINITELY flat landers and have VERY thin blood – it's COLD up here!

More in November – unless we turn into ice cubes.

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