



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

DECEMBER, 2010

Brrr – as we write this update, we are looking at all the snow on the ground. Our thin Central American blood certainly has made living here in the winter COLD!

We hope December was a blessed month for all of you. We always enjoy being with our children and grandchildren. Grandson #2, Will, had his first birthday Dec. 21st. We had the opportunity to share this day with him, his brother Austin, and Mom & Dad – Rhian & James. We also attended his baptism, and enjoyed an early Christmas with the family. What fun to be with 2 active boys for Christmas! We returned to Atlanta and had our first Christmas in Atlanta since 2007. It was fun being with our 2nd daughter, Kara, to share Christmas Eve services. We



always attend the 11:00 PM candle light service, and enjoy leaving church on Christmas Day!

As we mentioned in our November Nica News, we were in the US by December 1st. However, we didn't get a chance to unpack our bags before heading out again. Linda's twin sister broke her OTHER leg, first break was in July, so she headed to Overland Park, KS to help get winter clothes & Christmas ready for Brenda. Ed stayed in the Atlanta area and spent time with family & collecting all our trunks. Several different teams had brought back trunks for us as we've been moving back to the United States "trunk at a time".

Yes, this is our big news for the end of 2010, beginning 2011. We are again living in the United States! We were asked back in the spring of 2010 if we would take over the role as Water & Sanitation Team Leaders for the Global Resource Team. The GRT is a part of The Mission Society that provides specialists in various disciplines to help other missionaries. At the time the position was offered we were too busy in Nicaragua to accept. However, after much prayer and consideration we decided to accept this new responsibility. So, after 10 years of foreign missionary service, we will begin 2011 in this new position and will be based out of Lawrenceville, Georgia

We're excited about our new role, as this will give us the opportunity to share what we've learned through our professional careers not only as missionaries, but as a civil engineer (Ed) and database consultant (Linda). Our "field" will be "the world", so lots of traveling will be in store for us!

Just as we are adjusting to our new jobs, another opportunity has come our way. The former Director of the GRT, Larry Williams, has decided to retire from this position, and The Mission Society asked that we take on the additional role of Co-Directors of the Global Resource Team. We are still exploring exactly what this additional role involves. This will mean even more travel as we present the GRT capabilities world wide – in addition to our responsibilities for Water & Sanitation Ministry.



We are busy organizing our calendar for 2011. We will continue to keep you updated about our work on a monthly basis. If there are specific issues you would like to discuss with us, or if you know of an area we could be of service, please contact us at edlindabaker@yahoo.com. The GRT offers its services to all Christian mission groups. We want to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ through the various GRT disciplines. These currently include: Water & Sanitation Ministry, Agricultural Ministry, Health Ministry, Ministry to Women, and Ministry in Commerce.

Our web site will continue to be www.aguadevida.org. We will remain committed to update the web site by the 15th of each month, Internet capability available. The site will include additional photos of our monthly work, project details, stories to share, as well as achieved previous newsletters and project summaries. We hope you enjoy checking it out!

We will be sending out an official Global Resource Team announcement in the coming weeks. We continue to serve as missionaries with The Mission Society. As such, our ministry depends on your continued prayers and generous financial contributions (account numbers remain the same). The work of the Lord is a job for all of us – regardless of one's specific role. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul says *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* (Eph. 2:10). We take great comfort in the thought that these new responsibilities as missionaries were prepared by God for us in advance – long before we even answered His call on our lives!



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