



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

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El Chonco trenching continues, even in the rain, here in Nicaragua! We had a bit of a snag when the project began. We were trenching the 1 mile along the highway, from the well to the entrance to El Chonco, when the “road department” came by to say we were on their right of way. They have temporarily stopped the trenching along the highway. The mayor of El Chonco said that he would “take care of the problem”. What was interesting is that our digging was near the same trench used for fiber optic cable. This was pointed out to the road department who said the fiber optic folks were in violation too. The continuing saga...

We had the wonderful experience of dedicating the El Chonco well on June 10th. The well is quite a distance from the community, but the children from the school marched to the well site carrying signs and big smiles. The Lutheran preacher from El Chonco led a short devotion and Ed offered a few words as well. It was a great service, enjoyed by all. Here are some photos of the dedication, and some of the houses that will be served by the well.





This month we enjoyed having a team with us from Dalton UMC. They brought a great group of medical personnel as well as support personnel. The team got to experience working without electricity or running water – yes, AND in the rain! Did we mention the heat? I think the team left with a whole new appreciation of how to define HOT!

We worked in 2 of the Amigos for Christ villages, Santa Matilde & Villa Catalina. We pulled teeth, dispensed reading glasses, saw lots of sick children & adults, and played with hundreds of kids. We also had a wonderful team of local Nicaraguans that helped with the evangelism and prayed with every patient.



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We sent Dalton home with lots of good memories of Nicaragua.

In July, we will continue trenching in El Chonco, drilling in Divino Niño, and “playing in the rain”.

Besides performing medical duties, the team had the opportunity to visit various Amigos projects. We visited 1 of the 2 farms that Amigos maintains, which provide food for the 4 feeding centers. Children attending school receive a free lunch. We also visited with the Bead Amigas women. This is part of the economic program with Amigos for Christ. We also took Sunday afternoon off and went to the Pacific Ocean. Lots of good food & fun in the sun.



Please keep our health and travels in your prayers. We love you all.

IN HIS SERVICE,
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