



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

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We want to thank all of you who have contacted us regarding the flooding in Guatemala. We were on the southern edge of Tropical Depression Agatha that hit Guatemala. We had lots of rain but only some localized flooding. We have heard that refugees are coming into Nicaragua; but we haven't seen any evidence in our area. Please pray for the homeless people of Guatemala.

Yes, winter (rainy season) has set in for Nicaragua. The first indication is that our towels & wash clothes don't dry over night. Then, it rained 24 hrs. a day for about 4 days. Now, we're just into afternoon rains. It does make doing laundry a challenge!

We have continued our Bible study with some of the young adults with Amigos for Christ. We have finished the book of James, and now are beginning a study on the book of Job. Pray for "patience" as we work through this difficult book.

In May, Ed helped the drill team take time to perform maintenance on the cable tool rig. Tim Schuette with Schuette's Well Services, Inc. came down, brought needed parts, and helped to make the repairs. Hopefully, these needed repairs will keep this rig working "well" for several more years. Tim, Tomas, and Ed also visited some of the other sites that had been drilled with the cable tool rig.



Tim helping Tomas (Nicaraguan leader of drill team) with repairs



Ed & Tomas at a well in Somotillo. It's located at a regional home for expectant mothers.

With the rig now up and running, the drilling at El Chonco has finally be finished PTL! The well is 450' deep, with a water table at 325'. We had water samples taken and analyzed at 400', 425', and 450'; just to make sure this well would meet the Central American water standards. We will begin the 6+ miles of trenching in June – teams coming, bring gloves for digging!



Linda continues to help with the Bead Amigas project. These ladies are from Los Rotarios, a small village of about 37 homes. The village has a water well, but no electricity. Currently, they are getting water from the 450' well via solar panels. With Nicaragua entering into the rainy season, families are only allowed 1 barrel of water every other day, if we have any sun.

The Bead Amigas women are making beautiful jewelry from wallpaper. They are able to earn up to \$300/month. This is such a blessing because most families are only able to earn about \$2-4/daily working in farms. This project is coordinated by Rachel Elledge, who is with Amigos for Christ. Check out the ladies' web site at www.beadamigas.org. What is amazing about these ladies is that they are able to make the jewelry, in their homes, without electricity or running water. What we can learn from these humble women!



Bead Amigas working together on a project



Humble, small homes of Los Rotarios

We have a couple of teams coming to Nicaragua this summer. We'll report to you how they do, trenching in the rain!

Thank you for your continued support both financially and with prayers. Please know that each of you are an important part of the ministry here in Nicaragua.

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