



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

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We've had a blessed October and can't wait to share with each of you our adventures.

During the first part of October, we were invited by our daughter, Rhian & her family to join them in Kona, Hawaii. James was participating in the Ironman World Championship which is held every year on the island of Kona. For those unfamiliar with the Ironman, it's the ultimate triathlon, including a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and then a 26.2 mile run. This is James' 14th time to compete, we're very proud of him!



Austin 2 ½, James, Will 9 months, Rhian



James starting the 26.2 mile run

We got home from our trip just in time to meet a team from First Presbyterian, Hilton Head, SC. They only had 4 team members, but we worked these 4 folks for a hard couple of days! You may remember from our July and August newsletters the work we've been doing at Divino Niño. We had drilled a well and had a hand pump installed. We then started the construction of a Nazarene Church in the community. The Hilton Head Team continued with the construction, bringing up the walls. It is always great to combine North American teams working side-by-side with our local Nicaraguans.



Team members Dede Miller, Sam Martin, Anne Senf, Kent Grimes



New wall with proud workers



After saying “good-bye” to our friends from Hilton Head, we said “hello” to some more family members. Our other daughter, Kara, and her friend, Chris Hedrick came to visit us here in Nicaragua. Having visitors is great – it spurs us on to visit sites in Nicaragua we haven’t had a chance to see before.

We enjoyed a week with Kara & Chris, visiting Granada, the island of Ometepe, and having them in our home here in Chinandega. For those of you not familiar with Ometepe, it’s an island located in Lake Nicaragua (locally named Lake Cocibolca). The island is only 107 sq. miles, but has 2 volcanoes, and lot of great wildlife. Kara & Chris attempted to climb the smaller of the 2 volcanoes, Maderas Volcano. Due to the recent rains, the climb was very muddy, and they didn’t make it to the top. However, they encountered great wildlife and a spectacular view of the island.



View of Concepcion Volcan from Maderas Volcano looking across the isthmus, taken by Kara



Linda, Kara, Chris, Ed
In front of our home in Chinandega

We are looking forward to November, and a time of Thanksgiving. We read an idea from a friend we would like to share. Take the time this month to write down every day 1 thing you are thankful for – health, family, etc. By the end of the month, we should all be praising God for all our thanksgivings.

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