



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

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When we heard to be prepared for Tropical Storm Matthew, we thought, how will we know it's not just our normal everyday rain storm? Well, we knew! The rain is heavier, and the skies are dark all day. We have a tin roof, so the sound of the pounding rain is sometimes deafening. So what's the difference – more intensity, louder, and darker skies. If you see water oozing out of your computer monitor's pixels, don't be concerned, we just wanted to share some of our moisture with our friends!

We've wanted to serve in Honduras for the past 10 years, and this month we had the opportunity to visit a potential well site. We were contacted by the Hickory Flat Church in Canton, GA, about a Honduran church that already has a well, but it's shallow at only 26' deep and produces little water. The church needs something deeper to service the community.

The site is in Choluteca, Honduras; which is only about a 2 hour drive from our home in Chinandega. However, the well site is in a bog, which isn't going to dry out till the rainy season stops. We hope to be able to drill this well in November. But if it's not dry enough, we'll leave it in the able hands of Amigos for Christ to complete later.



El Camino y La Verdad Church



*This is existing tank,
well site is behind the tank*



Ed, Linda, Pastor & his wife



The church has a kindergarten



We love to help communities that help themselves. Reparto La Mora, a neighborhood in Chinandega, has 207 homes that have water accounts. In 2000, they had a German group drill them a well which is 500' deep. The elevation of the well site is only 809', but that is high for this area and they are a target for lightening strikes. They have had to replace their pump motor 3 or 4 times due to lightening. This last hit exhausted their available funds. They came to us, and we agreed to buy the community a new motor, under the condition we could have a dedication service to dedicate the project to the Lord – and of course they agreed. The community provided the manual labor to replace the pump motor with only 1 paid worker from Amigos for Christ. They now have 7 lightening protectors, so hopefully this will be the last replacement needed!

The project was completed the middle of September, and we had a wonderful dedication service, including many of the area school children. It was our first Catholic dedication – lead by a priest in vestments. The weather even cooperated, and we had a few hours of clear skies.



Water committee with their new motor



Children from the local school helped with the dedication service

We are hoping October will give us some relief from the rain. The last day of September we actually could see some blue in the sky. Please pray for all the people in the hurricane, tropical storm, now flood stricken areas of Central America and the East Coast. This year has been a wet experience for us.

**IN HIS SERVICE,
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