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Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - April, 2011

We continued traveling in April as we headed to Belgium for a conference with The Mission Society. We arrived a few days early and took the opportunity to visit Brugge. This is an ancient city in the Northwestern part of the country. It was the first time in over 11 years we had visited a country where you can drink the water AND flush the toilet paper! We felt like real tourists as we walked up to 10 miles a day visiting the beautiful city.

Our conference was outside of Brussels. You might ask “why Belgium”? We had missionaries from all over the world attending, and Belgium was a central country. We stayed in an OM International (Operation Mobilization) facility that was only \$30/day for everything! It was a dorm facility, which allowed us to really visit with other missionaries. Shower time can be such a great time of fellowship!



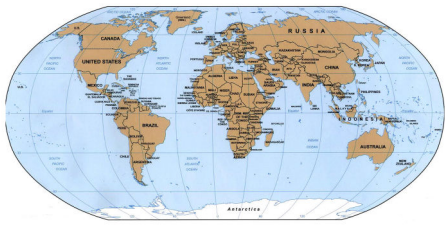
During the conference, we were trained how to coach. In our roles as Co-Directors of the GRT, we hope to better understand the needs of our colleagues by integrating coaching skills into our interactions. Coaching, as defined by our trainer, Keith Webb is “...an on-going intentional conversation that empowers a person or group to fully live out God’s calling.” What an awesome goal for all! Here we are with Robert & Linda Spitaleri, who are serving in Tanzania. Their ministry includes water & agricultural projects. We hope to partner with them in the future with folks from the GRT.

We were also introduced to a great new software program. This program will allow us to communicate worldwide on a safe platform. We have lots of missionaries working in secure countries, so this new program will be an asset for all of us. We will be able to remain in community with our fellow missionaries, even when we are miles apart!

We got back to the US just in time to enjoy Easter at our home church. As Pastor Tom said going into the service, this will be different for us. It was the first Easter sermon we had heard in English in 10 years. It was nice to enjoy hearing God’s word without having to think so hard!

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One of the blessings of being stationed in the US is being able to be Grandparents. Our oldest grandson had pneumonia. Linda was able to squeeze in a trip to California to give a helping, Grandmotherly hand. What a blessing for everyone!

Ed has joined the Atlanta chapter of Engineers Without Borders. This will give him interaction with other engineers. In May, he will be working with EWB on a project in Haiti.

We don't have many pictures to share with you this month, so we thought we would add more pictures of our trip to Paraguay last month.



Left – Dr. Wayne Burgess & right – Joy Vargas – both working in Cerrito, Paraguay



Friends from Quinta Linea, Paraguay



She lives next to the church in Oga Lata, Paraguay

We end by once again asking for your prayers as we continue to use the gift of abundant, clean water to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
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