

Global Resources

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Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - August, 2011

August we were again blessed with the chance to learn and grow. One of the great opportunities we have working with The Mission Society is their encouragement for spiritual enrichment both as individual missionaries and as a staff. This month we were invited to be a part of the Norcross “staff” and come for a 1 day conference. We were blessed to have Dr. Susan Muto, with the Epiphany Association located outside of Pittsburgh, PA, lead our enrichment day. It was great to be in a room with such spiritually encouraging individuals, no cell phones, no interruptions. The theme of the conference was “Practicing Prayer and Presence Daily”. WOW, we all need to be reminded of that challenge!

One of the “take aways” from the day was some of the quotes she gave us about the twelve step program to foster prayer in everyday life. She says: “Step off the speeding train of mere activism and assess in prayer the direction in which you are being led by God.” It was great to feel refreshed & renewed after 8 hours of study & prayer.

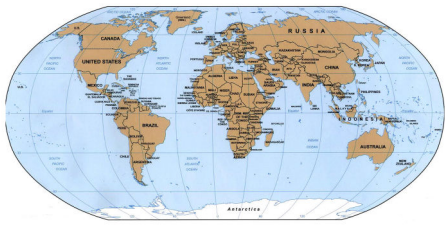


This month allowed us the opportunity to share many evenings with lot of friends. We have been well fed since living in the US! We were able to share our ministry with the Sarah United Methodist Women Circle of Cannon UMC. Besides showing our ministry with a PowerPoint presentation, we also brought some of the art objects from the countries we’ve traveled through. We also had lots of Bead Amigas jewelry for the ladies to buy! Linda remains committed to helping the ladies of Los Rotario, Nicaragua support their families through making attractive jewelry to sell.

As you may recall, the village of Los Rotario is located outside Chinandega, the town in Nicaragua where we lived. In November, 2010, a donor had provided funds to install a new electric pump into the village’s 500’ deep well. This was done with the promise the village would be getting electricity – soon. Of course, the word “soon” has many meanings! Fortunately, “soon” eventually arrived & the village now has running water to each of the homes. It’s always interesting to us that water running to each home means **outside** the home. In the 11 years we have had the water ministry; we can think of only 2 national “homes” that wanted water inside. Of course their homes usually have dirt floors – which means lots of mud **inside** if you have running water.

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Here is a photo of Fatima with her running water. The palm fronds next to her are covering her kitchen. Besides have running water outside the house, the kitchen is also located outside. This is due to the extreme heat cooking always brings when located inside the house. Fatima is one of the original Bead Amigas beaders. She has used the money she has earned making her jewelry to add an addition onto her home.



We will be traveling for the next 3 months, and ask for your prayers. We've been waiting till after Labor Day to begin international travel, due to the decrease in ticket prices after summer holidays. Our schedule is to be in Ghana & Togo (West Africa) in September, Thailand for a regional meeting in October, and California to welcome grandson #3 in November.

On a personal note, Linda's twin sister Brenda Smith of Overland Park, KS has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She begins radiation therapy on Wednesday, 9/7. Please pray for Brenda, our family & her doctors as she begins her treatment.

Next month we'll have lots to share about our first trip to the continent of Africa. We are anxious to see God's work with our Mission Society missionaries serving in the 2 countries we will be visiting; and to explore how the Global Resource Team can be of service in their ministries.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*