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Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - December, 2011

December is always the month of reflection – what we've accomplished throughout the year, what we still have on the burners, and what's in store for the next year. This was definitely the case for us as we spent our first year living in the US, after 10 years of living in South & Central America. This past year we have found that living in the US is very comfortable – yet life is so complicated!!! We've expressed the confusion of shopping, cell phones, cable TV, etc. Life in a third world can be very simple – but living is difficult. Catching all the critters in your house, keeping that grocery list handy since it will take several trips to complete it, and language issues. Even in an English speaking country such as the US, language can get all mixed up – have you talked to a teenager lately?

We had a great December. This year we were able to attend several Christmas parties. We had forgotten just how wonderful those Christmas appetizers & goodies can be. The fellowship is something we've missed too. We were able to share our ministry with the United Methodist Men at our home church, Cannon UMC in Snellville, GA. We always love to tell how God is working in our lives; call us if we can come to your Sunday school class, church, or small group.

We mentioned in October about the group of young ladies we refer to as our "90+ Club" – those gals over 90 that prefer to receive our newsletters via snail mail. This month we learned that one of these gals has graduated! We now have a "100+ Club"! If you know of anyone who would like to read our newsletters but doesn't enjoy using a computer, just let us know. We can send out our newsletters via snail mail – even for those who aren't 90 or 100.



We have several plans upcoming for 2012. After our travels to Togo, West Africa in September, we have committed to helping fellow colleagues Esaho & Beatrice Kipuke complete a water project on their school's property. This will probably involve at least 2 trips back to Togo in 2012. This project will benefit the many young women attending the 4 year program at Kipuke Ministries. Several groups are coming together to work on this project. We hope to have running water throughout the complex by the end of 2012.

Another project we have in our hearts is in Paraguay, South America. We will be taking a team in June to complete the construction of the Susannah Wesley School in Quinta Linea, Paraguay.

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We started the construction of this school in 2005. The school was partially completed, but has since grown to the point it needs to “finish out”. We plan to renovate the original school (which now faces the new school) into an office, kitchen, & library. These facilities had been housed in 3 of the classrooms at the new building – but growth has taken over! The original school is on the left of this photo. We are excited to see how this project has grown & developed to this point! This has been a tremendous blessing to the adjacent church,

which has also been expanded by a Korean team. God has been good in Quinta Linea!

Information about both of these projects can be found on our web site www.aguadevida.org. If you are interested in contributing financially, check out the directions for donations on the individual Project Proposal sheets. If you are interested in contributing in blood, sweat, & tears – contact us. We’ll make sure we get some sweat equity out of you!

These are just a couple of the projects we have planned for 2012. Others come our way, especially after The Mission Society’s 2 regional gatherings, the 2nd to be in January, 2012. Our prayer requests for 2012 are that we:

- † Continue to glorify God in all that we do
- † Travel mercies as we seek to serve God globally
- † Our health, we are 62 & 61 (you decide whom is what)
- † Our family as it grows, God has blessed us with 3 grandsons, but more would be good!
- † Our finances, as with everyone in this economy, belts are being tightened
- † For the precious people that we serve, we are honored to know them!

We wish each of you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*

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