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Valentine's month brought the blessing of love our way! We've had so many words of good wishes for our new ministry. We thank everyone for being so supportive of the work God has laid on our hearts. If you have any questions, or would like for us to present the Global Resource Team ministry to your group, please contact us. But beware – we LOVE to talk about what God is doing in our lives!

We always enjoy visiting churches and sharing God's ministry. This month we had a chance to visit with St. Mark UMC in Pensacola, FL. This church has paid for 4 wells that have been drilled in Paraguay & Nicaragua – more than any other church! Here is a photo of Pastor Nancy Watson introducing us to the combined Sunday school class we spoke with.



We enjoyed our time of fellowship in Pensacola. One of the interesting facts about Pensacola is that it's the oldest city in the United States – 451 years old! The King & Queen of Spain visited Pensacola last year for the official celebration. I know you San Augustine folks will argue this point, but Pensacola was founded earlier. We also stopped by Joe Patti's Fish Market before heading back to Atlanta. We filled a box with good fresh fish, and have been enjoying every morsel of good seafood!

One of the things we've enjoyed about being back in the US is the good Bible studies, Sunday school classes, and general Christian fellowship – in English – we've been able to appreciate. Linda was able to attend a Women's Retreat with our home church Cannon UMC, her first women's retreat in the US! She's has attended a Women's Retreat in Costa Rica, Paraguay, & Chile – and now in the US. What a blessing to share God's love with other women.

The Mission Society had an official "inauguration" for us this month. We were welcomed & prayed over by the staff, and received as part of the extended staff of The Mission Society. It's good to have a place to officially "hang our hats"!

We also had the opportunity to attend cross cultural ministry training. The course is called "Jesus in the Qur'an", and was taught by a local, nondenominational church. We've attended many courses on cross cultural ministry, but it's always good to renew our focus. We addressed the issue of presenting the Gospel to Muslims. Jesus **IS** in the Qur'an, and our challenge is to present the Gospel in such a way as to lead Muslims to the Kingdom of God. We do not currently minister directly to a Muslim population, but these skills will be important as we work in Africa and India where there are significant Muslim populations.

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Attending the training with us was Dr. Esaho Kipuke. Esaho is a fellow missionary with The Mission Society, serving in the small country of Togo, on the continent of Africa. We had the pleasure of hosting him in our home over the weekend, and learning lots about his host country. He told us if we are every in Africa – we MUST come to Togo. We're convinced and plan to visit both Togo and Ghana in September – God willing!

We were also introduced to another ministry in Africa, this was from Mozambique. We met with the US Directors and the African Directors of New Hope in Africa. They are beginning a water ministry to "Bring Clean Water to Those In Need". We hope to continue a dialogue with these good Christian folks as we continue our GRT work globally.

We've been in the news this month! The Mission Society sent out an official press release about our move to the Global Resource Team. From this we were interviewed by the Lawrenceville Patch, an on-line newsletter about happenings in Lawrenceville. The Patch article can be viewed at <http://lawrenceville-ga.patch.com/search/articles?cat=1998198828>. The press release can be viewed at our web site www.aguadevida.org.

Since we mentioned the web site, check it out to see the link to a new supporting church, Zion United Methodist Church of Iona, Lebanon, PA. If you're in the Lebanon vicinity, stop by and visit – we're sure all will be welcome. We've also put a link to our movie, "[Agua de Vida Ministry](#)" on the web site. It's a 25 mb download, but we hope you'll enjoy seeing it.



If we have your e-mail address, you should have received our "official" Global Resource Team announcement. If we only have your snail mail address – check your mailbox. We hope to have these announcements in the mail by the end of March.

We'll be traveling to Paraguay in March, so please pray for safe travels for us as we continue to answer God's call on our lives.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*

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