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Transition – movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another – that's the definition from www.dictionary.com. Our definition of transition is a state of confusion! How have things gotten so complicated in the United States in just 10 years? We usually come back to the US for a month every year, but we've never had to contend with so many details. We've made decisions on Internet, cable TV, telephone, & cell phones. Now if we could only decide which of the 423 types of chips to buy!

In Paraguay and Nicaragua the choices were very limited – we considered it a hindrance at the time. Maybe God knew what was good for us. If you had a telephone line running to the house then you could have a phone (at least some of the time). Internet was available in some places (dial-up or DSL super-lite) – but we can't ever remember having options as to which provider. Our cell phones were the old cast offs which you folks were good enough to send down to us activated by a pre-paid chip. There were usually 2 providers – but you could buy 2 chips and swap out as needed. Things were much simpler on the field.

Trying to stay warm after our 2 years in Nicaragua has been difficult with all the bad weather we've had here in Atlanta. We're reminded of the fact that in the Spanish used in the countries we've served, the word for snow was used to describe frost on the ground.

January has been a month to reconnect with our home church, including our Sunday school class. It's been a pleasure to listen to the Word in English, not so "trying" on the old brains. We've also had the chance to visit a couple of our supporting churches. We hope to be able to visit all our churches in the coming months. If your church would like for us to visit, please contact us, we love to share what's happening in the ministry God has allowed us to serve.



Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Montgomery, AL was the first church we visited back in 2000. It was great for them to be the first church to visit in our new roles as Co-Directors of the Global Resource Team (GRT). Aldersgate brought a team to Nicaragua in November, 2010, and our

visit included being a part of the team reporting to the church about their trip. It was fun to hear their stories in "their words". It's always a nice surprise to hear what we thought wasn't that exciting for a team ends up being their highlight!

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We also had the pleasure of participating in the Missions Celebration Week-end at Dalton United Methodist Church in Dalton, GA. This is the third time we've had an opportunity to share this event at Dalton. This was our first official visit as representatives of GRT and the Water & Sanitation Team of GRT. We enjoyed visiting with the friends we have at Dalton – many of whom have worked with us in both Paraguay & Nicaragua.



We anticipate that we will spend about 50% of our time traveling for GRT, allowing us opportunities to visit with churches & groups in the US. Again, please contact us if you would like for us to share with your church or group. As the year progresses, we plan to have lots to share from around the world! We can be reached from our web site at www.aguadevida.org, or e-mail at edlindabaker@yahoo.com.

Please continue to pray for our new ministry, our travels, and our patience as we adjust to living back in the United States.

We also ask for continued prayers for our colleagues in Egypt. As you have heard, Egypt has been having extreme violence. Our colleagues minister to an orphanage in the city of Cairo. We have received word from them and they & the children are fine – but continued prayers are a MUST, not only for the missionaries but also for the country of Egypt.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*

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