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July can be characterized in 2 words – intellectually stimulating! We took this month to do some extended training in both software and well drilling. What a great opportunity!

One of the software programs that we have recently been introduced to is called Sakai. We both really like the program, and had the opportunity to attend a User's Group meeting held on the Johnson University campus, outside of Knoxville, TN. For those not familiar with the University, it's absolutely a beautiful, Christian school of only 800 students. Definitely worth checking out if you are looking for a small, Christian university.



The only 2 non-academic folks attending the Workshop were us. It was different being around professors and administrative personnel from the academic world. We were *almost* inspired to take a class or 2 this fall. The software is designed for distance learning – and we would be distance learners! As you can see, it was a small group, so we were able to get a chance to know some of the people. We came away from these few days inspired and ready to use the software. We had several workshops each day, targeting features we have been anxious to learn about.

It was fun for us to be in Knoxville. We lived there in 1975-1977, while Ed was with TVA. We visited some friends, now sharing pictures of our grandchildren.

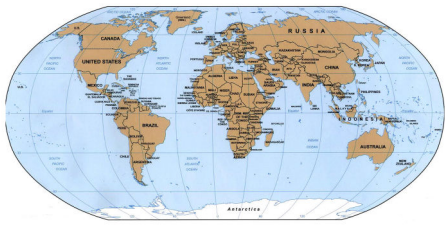
Our next stop was at the 56th Annual South Atlantic Well Driller's Jubilee, this year in Myrtle Beach, SC. Now, don't laugh, that's the name of this great convention with water well drillers from all over the SE. We both learned lots of things. Well drillers in the US have to be certified, and maintain their certification with continuing education credits. Through great workshops, this convention offers the opportunity for drillers to receive a year's worth of credits.



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Workshops for us included rehabilitation of low producing wells, factors effecting pump placement, understanding well problems, preventive maintenance, and discussion of the many legal issues surrounding the industry here in the US. It was so stimulating to be with other drillers, we wanted to just go out & drill a well somewhere!

One of the highlights of the convention was a presentation titled “Chilean Rescue-An ‘On the Spot’ Look”, given by the Schramm Corporation. Schramm makes the drill rig used by the Chilean company that was successful in the evacuation of the 33 trapped miners. We were given a chronological presentation of the mine rescue efforts, the challenges presented, and the teamwork of the many international people involved. There were 3 drilling plans put in place to reach the 33 miners, trapped more than 2,000’ below surface level for 69 days. Plan B, comprised of contractors from Santiago, Chile and Aurora, CO, drilled the 28” diameter hole that rescued the miners more than 2 months ahead of projections. To God be the Glory!



Of course we didn’t leave the convention without a “wish list”! Here we are with a Laibe Corporation V-50GTRX drill rig. Fitting that into checked baggage may be a problem. However, the salesman assured us he could container ship it anywhere in the world!

We were again in the news, this time in the Gwinnett Daily Post, July 20, 2011 issue. We were very surprised to find the article on the front page! Our daughter here in Atlanta called to tell us to check out the paper. A friend of hers had sent her the cover story via

text message. How news travels! Use Control + Click to follow this link to the article http://www.gwinnettdailypost.com/home/headlines/A_decade_abroad_Missionaries_still_adjusting_to_being_back_125928333.html

Need a program for a UMW, UMM, Sunday school, or whatever – keep us in mind. As mentioned before, we love to tell the story of how God is working all over the world!

*In His Service,
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