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Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - June, 2012

We continue to thank each of you for your prayers. June has been a tough month for us. As we mentioned in our May newsletter, Linda's twin sister, Brenda Smith had been struggling with lung cancer. Sadly, Brenda went to be with our Lord at 2:30 AM on Monday, June 4th. This was particularly difficult for us as we were on a mission trip to Paraguay. We had left Atlanta on Saturday, June 2nd, arrived in Asuncion, Paraguay at 10:30 PM Saturday night. We were with 3 other members of our home church, and after leaving the Asuncion airport, we received a telephone call from Linda's niece. Brenda was much worse. We were only about 2 hours from the airport, so we turned around and took the 4:30 AM flight back out of Paraguay, through Brazil, into Miami. We arrived in Miami at 6:30 PM on Sunday, went to the Ft. Lauderdale airport, where we were able to catch a 5:00 AM Monday morning flight to Kansas City, where Brenda lived. We ended up arriving in KC at 9:00 AM on Monday, after traveling for nearly 55 hrs. We were called in route at 2:30 AM by Linda's nephew with the news of Brenda's death. A very difficult flight for us. We were able to spend the week with our family, and Ed gave the eulogy at Brenda's "celebration-of-life" service. We will miss our dear sister Brenda and her wonderful support of our ministry.



Brenda Sue Davis Smith
Sept. 28, 1949 – June 4, 2012



For those that have asked, yes, Brenda & Linda were born identical twins. And, no, in the photo to the left Linda doesn't know which is she.

The 3 remaining members of the team continued with their work in Paraguay. They were working with fellow colleagues Christian & Angelica Dickson, so we felt good about leaving the team in very capable hands. The purpose of the trip was to continue the renovations of the original 3 room school in Quinta Linea. The team made good progress as they swept, cleaned, & painted to make the 3 rooms into a new office, kitchen, & library.

After Brenda's funeral, we flew back to Atlanta, and had a couple of weeks before we left with another group from our home church to work in Honduras. Honduras was the country where in 2000 we lived for 2 months, discerning the call God placed on our hearts to become full time missionaries. It has taken us since that time to return to Honduras, but we are now much better prepared not only in language skills, but in how to minister cross culturally.

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We spent 2 weeks in Honduras, the first week working with the Cannon team at Methodist churches located outside of La Ceiba, Honduras. Our primary goal for this trip was to coordinate the drilling of a water well at one of the Methodist churches. God has blessed us with being able to connect different ministries we have been



associated with over the years. In Honduras, we contacted Water Missions International, who knew of a local, reliable driller. Oscar Gomez met us at the Sochimilco Methodist Church. We located the well site, and negotiated a fair price for the well. We were also able to dedicate the well to Jesus with the newly appointed pastor, Carlos Moncada, the local construction team, as well as the Cannon work team. This well should be completed in July...you'll just have to stay in touch to find out how

the drilling works out.



After we connected with the driller, we helped the team with their various projects. Linda helped with vacation Bible school, which averaged about 60 kids each morning. Ed worked with the construction team as they continued construction of the Sochimilco church, as well as tearing down an existing building.

This was the first time in 12 years we have been members of a mission team (rather than receiving them), and it was fun to enjoy the team

fellowship without the worries of logistics. The team left at the end of the month after working in 100+ temperatures. Okay, we know it was also hot up here in the North too!

Thanks again for all your prayers this month. We ask that you continue to lift us up as we go forward with our ministry; and also Brenda's husband Jeff and her family as we all learn to live without her beautiful voice to talk to.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*

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