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 **The Mission Society**

Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker - May, 2012

What a wonderful month May can be here in the South. We hope wherever you are you have enjoyed seeing the beautiful things God has planted for us to enjoy. It seems every day we find something new in our yard to appreciate!

This month we had the opportunity to share our time in West Africa with our Sunday school class at Cannon UMC. It was great sharing how a Methodist church in Ghana enjoys giving their offering. They dance and sing up to the altar with their contribution. When we asked



about their custom, we were told – “but the Bible says to give **JOYFULLY** to the Lord”! We’re sure there are many North American pastors who would welcome such a response to the discussion about church giving. In the photo on the left, the gold colored cylinder is where you put your offering. The top “bucket” says Tithe, Malachi 3:10. The scripture reads, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...” On the other 2 buckets are stamped the words, “Offering I” and “Offering II”. And yes, they do *joyfully* take up a tithe, and 2 offerings.

This month the Board of Director’s meeting of The Mission Society was held. We are always so grateful for the wonderful Christian men & women serving on this Board. On the first day of the meetings, we have a consecration service for the newly commissioned missionaries. After the service, we all enjoy dinner together, and the new missionaries are given the opportunity to share their faith journey & dreams with everyone. Now what Board of a business would stop their meeting to praise God & talk to new missionaries? We are very blessed.

The Mission Society had several other functions this month which involved bringing to the US some of our missionary friends. Esaho Kipuke from Togo, West Africa was here and we were able to spend some time with him & help him get his passport renewed. Living in the Atlanta area as our “home base” has enabled us to help other missionaries with places to stay & to drive them around the somewhat complicated Atlanta traffic.

This month we were also able to participate in Cannon’s week for hosting Family Promise of Gwinnett County. For those not familiar with Family Promise, it is a nonprofit, interfaith organization for families in transition. You can find out more about this life changing ministry at <http://www.familypromisegwinnett.org/>. Since we are able to work from home, we are able to spend the night at our church with these lovely families.

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We ask for your prayers for us during the month of June. We will be traveling to Paraguay & Honduras, both trips with our home church, Cannon UMC. The trip to Paraguay will focus on additional renovations to the Susannah Wesley School in Quinta Linea. Cannon Church has been assisting with this project since 2004, and they have donated funds for yet another phase of work there. Shown below is the beautiful 6 classroom addition.



While in Honduras, we will take a few extra days after the team leaves to learn about drillers & drilling materials available in the country. We have had several requests for well drilling in Honduras and this will give us a chance to check out what's available. We'll give you all the details in our June newsletter.

We are also asking for your prayers for Linda's twin sister, Brenda Smith. She has had radiation treatment for lung cancer, but the cancer has returned. The disease is now in both lungs, with no further treatment possible. Please lift her & her husband Jeff up in your prayers.

We are presented with so many opportunities to provide services in different countries. This month we have been approached with opportunities in Nicaragua, Cuba, Haiti, & Liberia. If any of these countries touch your heart, let us know. All of them need good, clean, abundant water & funding partners.

Many folks have asked us if we are "retired" or are we on staff at The Mission Society. The answer to both questions is "NO". We are still full time faith based missionaries. If you would like to support our ministry through our support fund or through special projects – check out the following link: <http://themissionsociety.org/connect/connectmissionaries/people/baker>. Only with your help are we able to serve God's people worldwide.

*In His Service,
Ed & Linda Baker*

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