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What is arsenic?

Chemical symbol = As
Atomic number = 33



Arsenic occurs in many minerals, usually in conjunction with sulfur and metals, and also as a pure elemental crystal. The industrial use of one form of arsenic is for strengthening alloys of copper and especially lead (for example, in car batteries). Nicaragua is the home of 19 volcanos, where sulfur is commonly found. We've had several wells in Nicaragua that give off a strong sulfur smell.

May Flowers!

The flowers of May, they can remind us of the many blessings God gives each of us daily – just look out our windows! May has brought us all a day to celebrate Mothers & Pentecost. What a glorious month to serve our Lord.

God's Preparation – how does it work?

We are always amazed at how God prepares us for what we do in our ministry - or maybe it is more a matter of how He uses our past experiences for His purposes. Ed is a civil engineer and hydrologist – basically a water engineer. He spent 25 years working in this field before God called us to become full time missionaries. The water projects that we have done over the last 13 years as missionaries have drawn many times on these past experiences.

Recently we came across a situation that drew upon the more technical side of Ed's experience in environmental work. A well that we

wrote about in our last newsletter in the community of San Diego, Nicaragua has a problem – the lab report shows that the concentration of arsenic in the water is 8 times the allowable level! So, Ed had to dust off his groundwater sampling and analysis skills and try to figure out what is happening. After taking a look at the analysis and talking to the guys about how the sample was taken, he decided that there is a good chance that the high arsenic concentration on the lab report may be due to a glitch in the sampling procedure. So – Ed will return to Nicaragua mid-June, armed with some fancy filtering equipment, to resample the well and train the local staff. Please pray for safe travels and that we are able to get an accurate reading of the arsenic concentration in the well.

If the high arsenic level turns out to be valid, then Ed will have to dust off his water treatment skills! We will keep you updated.

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Praying Together

You can be an integral part of our ministry just by joining us in prayer. We have the following praises & concerns:

Continued good health.

Traveling prayers for Ed as he heads to Nicaragua.

Guidance as we continue to do God's will.

Those that are "thirsty" around the world.



Please forward this Newsletter to others in your group who may be interested in our ministry. If you would prefer to not receive these newsletters in the future, just replay with a "No thank you" in the subject line.



The Things We Learned!



Pentecost

Pentecost is also known as Whitsunday, or Whit Sunday. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter. The apostles were praying together and the Holy Spirit descended on them. They received the "gift of tongues", and immediately began preaching about Jesus Christ. This day commemorates the birthday of the Christian Church. WOW—what a day!



Mother's Day

The 2nd Sunday in May is Mother's Day in the United States. However in Paraguay, it is always celebrated on May 15th, regardless of which day of the week the 15th falls on. Therefore, since we lived in Paraguay for 7 years, shouldn't Linda get 2 Mother's Days?

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May flowers, bring us a bouquet!