



Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker

 **The Mission
Society**

Assisting Missionaries Worldwide
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Next newsletter, January 2014



That's how often our newsletter will be coming out. That makes it 4 times a year, or January, April, July, & October. With our new "shorterness", we are trying to streamline our ministry as well as our lives. We are STILL trying to update our Website, it seems the product we have been using, FrontPage, has been "retired" (can any of us relate)? When we find & learn a new product, we may start a monthly blog. We still have some 6 word Bible stories under our belts—stay tuned.

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September Days are getting shorter!

September is a special time in our family. Not only is it Linda's birthday (she turned 64), but that of her twin sister & her Mother. Yes her Mother had twins born on her birthday. Growing up many times there were 3 birthday cakes! This year is the 2nd year Linda as been the only one in her family celebrating a birthday. This has been a time of remembering, reflecting, and reevaluating.

With this in mind, we have decided to "slow down" a bit. We do not plan to retire; rather, we plan to focus on those water and sanitation projects that seem to have the most need and to do a bit less travel. We will still work as missionaries with The Mission Society as Water and Sanitation Specialists on the Global Resource Team. We will no longer be working full time (or receiving a full salary), so this will allow us a little more time to be grandparents, and participate in local church ministry.

Since we are essentially shifting to a "project based" ministry, we still need funds to pay for the water projects that we do abroad with our fellow missionaries, and to pay for the necessary travel. The projects will be very similar to that which we are currently helping with in Nicaragua. As you may remember,

the community of San Diego is well organized and needed a water well. The local missionary had raised about half of the funds needed for the well, and we were able to cover the remainder of the costs with donations to our ministry (cost of the well was about \$10,000 plus a pump). With our connections in Nicaragua, we lined up a driller and the well was recently completed.

This is the type of project we love—combining your funds, local funds, local labor & we do the coordination. The icing on the cake is going to the project site and dedicating the project to Jesus—that's what we are all about!

There are needs for these types of water projects in many parts of the world, and we have received requests from missionaries who need our help. So, we are asking you to continue your support of our ministry, but to cover project costs rather than our personal support. You will find donation information on the next page.

What's in store for us till the end of 2013? God only knows, but for now, grandson #4 due first of November, and our 44th anniversary is the end of November...



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.

Guidance as we do God's will.

Those that are "thirsty" around the world.

For our grandchildren, that they may grown with the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Pamphlet Theory

Have you ever said something like..."I wonder how...?" This is followed with..."Now when I get to Heaven, I'm going to ask." Many people follow this with the "Aha Theory". When you pass through the Pearly Gates the sound you will hear most is "AHA"! But there is also the Pamphlet Theory. Linda was praying one day and realized that God was writing down answers to her questions. Hmm, and it was obvious her questions were unique to her, only she would understand the answers God was preparing. This was the birth of the Pamphlet Theory. God is preparing each of us an individual Pamphlet, with our name, date of birth, and date of death. When we pass through the Pearly Gates, our prepared Pamphlet will be handed to us. It will have all our own answers to our own questions.

But what happens before we get the Pamphlet? Isn't there a way to get some of the answers early? This one is so obvious you should already know the answer. Yes, God has prepared a pre-death pamphlet (if you will allow the term) for each of us. It's called the BIBLE! So as you are searching for answers you may have about life, get a pre-death fix and find the answer in the Bible. Then when you get to the Pearly Gates maybe your pamphlet won't be too bulky to carry around.

The Pamphlet Theory—isn't God Grand!

NOTE—Changes to account information!

Contributions

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