

Newsletter of Ed & Linda



Winter 2020

*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*



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We have all heard the saying “be careful what you pray for”. Well, that was the case with Ed this year. With COVID locking down our ability to travel, we have been praying how we could increase our service in God’s Kingdom locally. We are still able to fund water projects in Paraguay and Nicaragua with the generous donations from our supporters, but we haven’t been able to visit the projects and be a part of the dedication of the water to Jesus—which is by far the best part of the projects!! So, after spending time in prayer the Lord showed us how He wanted us to serve.

Hurricane Relief in Nicaragua

Our dear friends and missionary colleagues, Ronnie and Angi Hopkins have served for many years in Nicaragua. This country was hit



by two hurricanes this year, on top of the COVID restrictions. So the folks that were already in financial difficulty due to not being able to travel to work are now faced with houses either damaged or

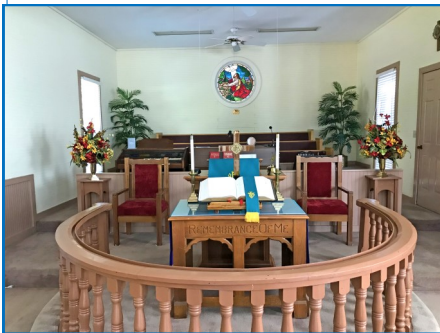
totally destroyed. The Hopkins immediately went into action with relief efforts delivering food, cleaning supplies and building materials such as roofing tin.

Due to the faithfulness of our donors, we were able to send them \$2,000 from our Support Account to help cover the costs of the relief efforts.

By using funds from our Support Account rather than our Water Well Account we are still able to fund next year’s wells and water projects. We thank God for you and for all of your support!!



This is main street in Ayapal, 2 days after the hurricane



Hand carved altar at Concord UMC

We are now Pastor and Pastor’s wife of 2 small country Methodist Churches in Putnam County, Georgia!! Ed began preaching duties in July and was officially assigned as Supply Pastor on September 1st. This

is what the United Methodists call a “Two Point Charge” meaning that there are 2 churches where we minister—Concord United Methodist Church and Union Chapel United Methodist Church. Ed has started the Candidacy Process which hopefully will result in him being licensed by the Methodist Church as a Local Pastor. It is a streamlined process designed for Pastors of small rural churches that does not require a seminary degree and does not lead to official ordination.

What about our water projects?

In our last newsletter we updated you all on the spring water collection project in the vil-



lage of Tunawalan on the Bocay River. The project was completed and the members of the community

were overjoyed with access to clean, abundant water piped to their homes.

In addition, Ronnie Hopkins and his team were able to complete the project under budget and had



some funds left over. Of course we were happy to approve the use of the funds to assist in the school children Feeding Center that has been established in the community. Not only did they purchase beans and rice, but they were able to purchase a printer for the laptop that was previously donated for the school.

What a blessing to the community—we thank you all for your support.

We can't complete a newsletter without an

update on the grandsons. It's hard to believe, but Austin is 12, Will turns 11 on 12/21, Gage is 9, Jack is 7,



and Kip is now 18 months! We are so blessed that our grandsons have grown to be respectful, energetic young men. Thanks to their parents, TV & computer times are limited, even with COVID!

Praying together is a vital part of all ministries. Here are a few of our prayer requests:

† For guidance on our new role as Pastor and Pastor's wife

† For our adult children and grandchildren. Help them to grow closer to God.

† For the health of all missionaries serving around the world. These are difficult times for them, wherever they are serving.

Please share with us how we can pray for you.

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