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So what IS a spring box?



Spring water is usually drinkable as it comes from the ground but it can get contaminated by animals and other sources as it collects at the spring head. A spring box collects the water and protects it from contamination. The clean water is then piped to water stations below the spring in the communities where the water is needed.



The trip to Nicaragua that we told you about in our last newsletter took place during January. Ed met up with a team of folks from several churches, including Reid Buchanan, a fellow Global Resource Team member. The trip started with a 6 day survey trip on the Rio Bocay in the northern part of the country near the border with Honduras. After an 8 hr. long, bumpy ride from the airport, we then transferred to dugout canoes for the last 4 hrs. of the journey.



Our dear friends Ronnie and Angi Hopkins, career missionaries, have been working with these folks for several years. Ed accompanied the team to determine how we might assist in meeting the communities need for clean water. The river water is not drinkable, and most folks rely on springs or other sources to meet their needs. One such "unsuitable source" is shown in the following photo.



Several of the communities had already purchased the land around the springs in order to assure access & protect from contamination. However, some of the springs are 2 to 3 miles from the communities. They are very hard working folks and are more than willing to provide the labor to build the spring boxes and bury the pipe, they just need some help to buy the materials. The next step is for our ministry to work with Ronnie and Angi to select a community to start with and launch the pilot project. Please keep these wonderful folks in your prayers.

While in Nicaragua, Ed was able to make some major progress on our ongoing project in the community of San Diego. As you may recall, after getting a wonderful well drilled for the community, it was determined that the water is contaminated with naturally occurring arsenic at a level 8 times the WHO standard.



Praying Together

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

For those who are in need of a good, clean source of water—from GOD!

For many members of our family & many friends who are in pain.

For our grandsons that they may continue to grow in His grace.

For our new church that we may become active members

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 reply with a "No thank you" in the subject line.



Arsenic is tasteless and odorless at this concentration but can cause cancer and other health problems. Therefore, we told the community that we would not install the well pump until the



appropriate filters were obtained. The community really responded well. Not only did they form the government recognized Water and Sanitation Committee (CAPS), but they located the manufacturer of the filters. We were able to go to the shop where the filters are made and

purchase one to take to the community. We also placed an order for 19 more filters—one for each home and two for the school. The next step is for our good friends at Amigos for Christ to come install the pump. Then—after almost a 2 year wait—San Diego will have clean, abundant water—to God be the Glory!

Update on Liberia Project

Praise the Lord that the Ebola outbreak in Liberia is almost completely under control. Recent news is that there are only 6 confirmed cases in the country. The photo on the right shows workers repairing a school getting it ready to reopen. Nearly 4,000 people died from the outbreak—as President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf stated “the disease had threatened



our very existence”. But the resilient people of Liberia all pitched in together to fight this horrible enemy, and with the help of major foreign aid, NGOs and religious medical missionaries from around the world they are winning the fight. This is good news for Trinity Children’s Center near Monrovia. Masa Gueh, our dear friend and Director of the orphanage, told us that Ebola had not made itself known at the orphanage, but that several family members of the staff and children had died. We now are planning how to proceed with our water well project there and hope to visit these wonderful children sometime in 2015—God willing. Please keep them and us in your prayers.

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