

# Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker

## Spring 2020

Using the gift of good, clean abundant water to share the gospel of Jesus Christ



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**W**hat crazy times these are! We are having to rely on the Lord and our “life verses” (Prov 3:5-6):

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.”*

We have gotten much better at “Zooming” for small groups at church and on-line church. Ed even had the opportunity to preach virtually in the early days of the “shelter in place” era.

The Lord was truly “*making our paths straight*” - looking after us and keeping His hand upon us as 2020 began. TMS Global has global gatherings of all our missionaries about every 5 years and the 2020 event had been in the works for over a year. We all converged on the northern coast of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus the first week of January. While that may seem like an odd location, it is centrally located for our teams serving in Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia - PLUS the rates are really low during the winter. We had a wonderful spirit-filled 10 days praying, learning, laughing and catching up with many of our old friends and meeting new ones. The picture in the header above is a prayerful sendoff of two retiring missionary/staff members that had been with TMS for over 30 years.

On our way home from Cyprus we checked off one of our bucket list items—a visit to Spain. We speak fluent Spanish and have worked in Latin

America for over 20 years but we have never been to Spain. It was truly **WONDERFUL**. We started in Malaga, went to Andalusia, then on to Madrid and departed from Barcelona the end of January. This trip was also in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary!



So we basically spent the entire month of January flying, and riding busses and trains around Europe as COVID 19 was breaking out. Although we heard some news reports about the “new virus” that was breaking out in China, we didn’t really realize the impact until we were back in the States in mid-February.

The Lord really was protecting us, and all of our missionary colleagues. It is **SO INTERESTING** to read the newsletters of those serving in foreign countries with closed borders, no airline service, and limited resources. We all truly “trust in the Lord with all our hearts.”

## What about our water projects?

In our last newsletter we updated you all on the well that was completed at the Quinta Linea Clinic in Paraguay, South America for Christian and Angelica Dickson. We were looking so forward to visiting Paraguay, our first field of service, this Spring. Obviously, that did not happen, so we will have to make that trip hopefully next year. However, we are still doing water projects from the States.



Our dear friends and colleagues in Nicaragua, Ronnie and Angi Hopkins decided to remain in-country during the lock down and they asked if we could support them on a spring water collection project in the village of Tunawaluan on the Bocay River. This will be the 6th water project that we have done in the area, so the teams on both the US and Nicaraguan ends are getting pretty good at doing them “long distance”. As usual, our ministry provides the funds to buy the pipe and other materials needed while the villagers provide the labor. We hope to show pictures of running “water of life” in our next newsletter.

We can't complete a newsletter without an update on the grandsons. We were all together for our 50th wedding anniversary (has it really been that long?) in November of last year and got the great shot of the five of them. It was great to be with them—and their parents too.



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

† Now that Linda is 70 and Ed will be 70 in July, our continued good health & physical stamina.

† 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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