



NICA NEWS FROM ED & LINDA BAKER

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God always provides what we need – this becomes more evident to us every day. This month, God provided the opportunity to drill in Divino Niño, which became one of our ideal projects. A well, a church, a great dedication, lots of people, what more could we ask for!

The project at Divino Niño came about in an unusual way (as most projects do). We were at the church we attend here in Chinandega, and another missionary with Amigos for Christ introduced us to the pastor and his wife. The church is a Nazarene church, which focuses on missions. They had adopted the area of Divino Niño as their mission focus. They told us of the needs in the area and we were hooked on helping! This month has been a Divino Niño month!

Our first goal was to drill a well for the community on the site of the future Nazarene annex church. The area currently has no electricity, thus we planned on installing a hand pump.



Setting up the drill rig – even the women helped!



Putting in the casing, drilling is messy work!



We finished the well, which was drilled to 195' deep. The casing is such that when the community gets electricity, an electrical submersible pump can be installed. However, the well currently has an India Mark II pump, which was installed by Living Water Int. The well & pump are already being used constantly!

Our stateside home church, Cannon UMC in Snellville, GA, came to help with the Divino Niño project. They were kept busy, completing the base of the well, starting the construction of the new church, and having a Día Feliz for over 300 kids, which included 2 piñatas!



This was the first mission trip for 3 of the 6 team members. We always enjoy watching new team members, and their questions! “When does the cement mixer arrive?” **They** are here, all the way from Atlanta, GA! We had great team time of working, playing, and worshipping with our Nicaraguan friends. Of course we did have our share of rain – every day! Rainy season has a whole new meaning for these 6 folks. Below are photos of their time here in Nicaragua.



Team with new friends



One of the 2 piñatas we had for the children

We'll be spending August in the Atlanta area, visiting local churches. We are looking forward to dryer weather, seeing friends, and attending church in English! Read how our August trip fares in our next update.

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