

The Water Log

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Greetings again from Nicaragua, the famous filming location of **Survivor 21**. The last time I wrote, I hinted at a possible extra trip in the fall. Turns out there were two! The first was to **Colombia** with Earl Ratcliff to set up another SNAKE (automated water chlorination unit) near Ibague. It was a great learning experience for us and it seems apparent these bigger systems are going to continue to be needed and asked for in the future. PTL this design is proving to be successful!



Earl & "SNAKE"

The second trip was to India, which was a larger and much more challenging experience. Latin American cultures I somewhat understand, but Central Asia was quite different. Still, God was with me and His spirit guided me as I worked with **Mission India** on

their theological and technical campus. Around 1500 attended their annual conference and I spoke about how the CPU could be utilized as a ministry tool as well as a life saving device. We also discussed the possibility of new pastors being able to use it as a way to support themselves as they plant churches. Later I taught several large classes on water disinfection. It was especially rewarding to train an appointed assistant, **Elijah**, to disinfect all the campus drinking water and get to know him personally. He has an incredible testimony about God rescuing him from the Hindu religion and the persecution he faced from his family for serving Christ. His vision is to start a water ministry in **Sri Lanka** in the coming months.



Elijah

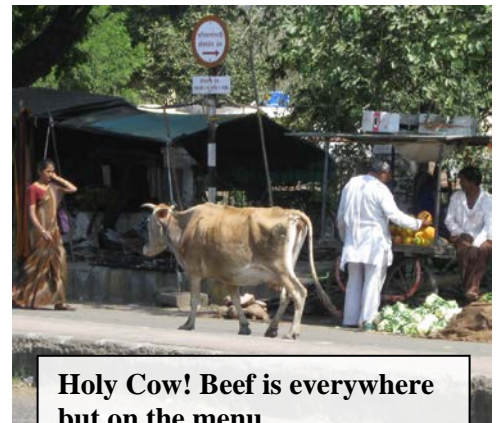


Community Well

India is a very complex and fascinating country. You have 28 states with their own languages, plus very different terrains, climates, people groups and religions. Throw in the caste system, the extreme poverty, and the huge population and you begin to understand the challenges. Still, they all need safe water to drink and the future of SWIM in India is very likely to continue if we can find the workers willing to go and help.

While I was off eating curry and taking photos of sacred cows blocking traffic, Vickie was home frantically packing and selling our household items after the sale of our home in Cedar, Iowa. Now that Vickie and I both have our **Nicaragua** residency cards, it makes more sense to live in our rented Nicaraguan house and continue the growing ministry here. Not sure yet where we will stay when we return to visit, but trying to maintain a house in the **U.S.** and being gone so much just wasn't working. So, we have some exciting opportunities and new challenges that we are facing in the coming year.

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Holy Cow! Beef is everywhere but on the menu.

Please continue to pray with us about the pre-mentioned items, for future water projects and for the wisdom needed as we work here in **Central America**. Many have signed up to serve Jesus with us, by coming to visit in the next few months, and also need to be lifted up in prayer. Finally, keep the **SWIM** board in your prayers as they make decisions about a future headquarters, expansion in other locations, partnerships with other organizations, and design changes in the works for the CPU.

Have a blessed Christmas,

Greg & Vickie

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1 Thess. 3:12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.