

The Water Log

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We're so thankful for a time of R&R back in the U.S. It's been a busy 5 months in Nicaragua and we were ready for a break from the action. This winter we decided that doing a water ministry in a foreign country and hosting visitors wasn't stressful enough, so we started building a house to live in and use as SWIM headquarters. Just kidding (sort of), but it has been more of a challenge than we bargained for. We still have about a month's worth of work to do on the house when we return before it's livable, but it's getting close!



Our new home.

One of the best things to happen at SWIM recently has been the development of a new injection molded CPU. It has numerous advantages and the main electrode body can also be used in the larger automated SNAKE unit. And last, but certainly not least, it will be easier and cheaper



New CPU test

to produce and put in the hands of so many that need it. Can you believe it? Something actually going down in cost and going up in quality! A true modern miracle! I was fortunate to be back during some of the final tweaks in the process and to help with testing, but I can in no way take credit for all the hard work put into its development by several dedicated people. Thanks Don, Earl, Vance, and others.

Speaking of dedicated people, we recently had some short stories written up on our board members and advisors that we will soon post on the website and would like for you to read. This ministry is blessed to have such a great group of people guiding and directing it while listening to the voice of God for wisdom.

Also on the website is a blog about our experience in returning to our roots. Ten years ago in February we first went to Nicaragua and helped dig a water line for a little community named Sabaleté. That became the inspiration and beginning of what now is SWIM. We finally were able to go back and re-live that experience and renew some relationships. We had an amazing time and are still in awe of how God orchestrated it all.

Rafael just sent me a picture of the community of El Zapote, where he completed a training /presentation of a CPU. He called later and said that they were so excited to receive some Bibles afterward that he almost had a riot on his hands. How rewarding to find people interested in the message of hope and salvation that so many in the world are rejecting!



El Zapote recipients

A few more weeks here in the U.S. to tie up some loose ends, help with a little farming, and speak in a few places; then we'll fly back to Nicaragua to continue serving our Savior. Two large automated SNAKE installations await us that will deliver safe water to several thousand people. I love the challenge and the opportunities they will provide. Also, there are some part-time SWIMers that need your prayers and support for upcoming trips. Earl Ratcliff & Rich Grant are joining us in Nicaragua to help with the SNAKES in June, David Spencer is going to Kenya in July, and Michael Glesner & I will be working in India in the fall. Several others are making plans to visit us this summer as well, Lord willing.

We wish there was time to make contact with all of you who mean so much to us and are so faithful in supporting us before we leave again, but that's probably not possible. Just know that we appreciate and love all of you and you are always in our prayers. Please remember Nicaragua in your prayers as we enter into an election year. It's always a political hotbed and this year will probably be no exception.

Blessings,

Greg & Vickie Stout

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2 Cor.9:13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.