

# The Water Log

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“Es un taller?” (Is this a workshop?) That seems to be the most asked question when people walk past our new house here in Nicaragua and see us working with the garage door open. And with good reason they ask. We have been welding up shelving units, making doors, and building cabinets, for our house and Rafael’s garage. Storage space is a huge issue, so we have converted part of Rafael’s garage into SWIM storage. We also recently built a barrel oven to be used by a family in “el campo” (the country). We are hoping to start moving into our house by the time you receive this. You’re all invited to help with the move and inauguration if you’d like!



Barrel Oven

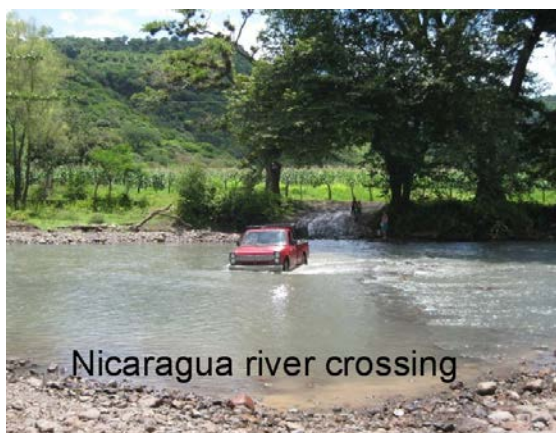
Water projects continue at an excellent pace. We’re averaging a couple of small communities a week as well as completing a large automated SNAKE project in far northern Nicaragua at the end of last month. Thanks again to Earl and Rich for coming down and

assisting. We’re continuing to improve and upgrade this new type of system and several other cities are showing interest.

Keeping a supply of water equipment is always a challenge. We were running dangerously low on everything a couple of weeks ago and talked an Arizona friend into coming down as a pack mule. Vince saw 3 Snakes while here, 2 were crawling on the ground and 1 was hanging on the wall as a SWIM chlorinator. In the future, SWIM is hoping to ship a pallet down twice a year to alleviate our dependence on visitors carrying in supplies, although we always have an open door for people wanting to come and serve.



Vince & SWIM SNAKE



Nicaragua river crossing

Doing follow-ups are an important part of our ministry. Last week Rafael & I revisited a village that asked if we’d return with more Bibles. It had rained heavily the night before, so we weren’t able to get through the road, even in 4-wheel drive. But, we promised we’d return, so we went the last 2 miles on foot. They were amazed that we cared enough to bring the Bibles. They also had concerns about how to set up the solar panel for the CPU, so we were able to do that for them. Over a cup of coffee we were asked about showing a video next time we come. It’s so exciting to be able build this

relationship from a water project. And this is a village without a Christian church!

You may have heard that we have a new addition to our family. Our cat Allie (or Alley Cat) is a constant source of entertainment/irritation. At least we haven’t seen a mouse since she became a resident. That almost makes it worth it. We may have to get a dog next to put the cat in its place.



Allie



“My own Bible!”

Other than having our e-mail account hacked, water in our house every time it rains, frustration beyond what any human should endure at getting our residency papers renewed, and Vickie being sick; things have been swell (as the Cleavers say). But seriously, we have several issues we covet your prayers on. The Condega Christian school is still struggling, we have a trip to India we are trying to plan, David Spencer is in Africa as we write this doing water projects for SWIM, and we are unable to get internet at our new house. As always, thanks so much for your faithful prayers and support. Blessings,

*Greg & Vickie*

Greg & Vickie Stout



*Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.*