

The Water Log

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Some exciting firsts are taking place for SWIM! After several years of trying, we managed to get a VISA for **Rafael** to travel to the USA. PTL! He's really thrilled to be able to finally meet people and churches that have been sponsoring us for years, and also have a chance to practice his English and see why we "Gringos" are the way we are. I hope that you'll be able to attend one of the many places we'll be speaking at in **Iowa** between 9/14 and 10/3. Sorry we can't get to everyone on this trip, but hopefully it won't be the last time to do this. Unfortunately, Vickie will have to sit this trip out as we aren't allowed to spend more than one month out of the year in the US and she already used up 3 weeks in May. Besides, someone has to keep an eye on our house and pets.



The Nica is coming!

We've started working in several new regions of **Nicaragua**. We're making contacts in more remote areas, including the east coast, where the needs are enormous for water disinfection. This doesn't mean we are abandoning the places closer to where we live, we're still busy there too. Partnering with other established ministries in these expansion areas is the practical way to go. We recently met with Accion Medica Cristiana (Christian Medical Action in English) and hope to have a working relationship with them in many areas soon. It's exciting to see God continue to open more doors.



Maybe it's because I'm getting older, but we are trying to do things a little smarter lately. Coordinating trips with the Health Department and inviting 3 communities at a time to meet in a central location is now the norm. Doing this we can have a longer and more productive training time and less travel time. We usually buy the attendees a bus ticket or lunch to help with their expenses and keep everyone happy. Believe it or not, many

areas are starting to get access to internet, which means better reports on chlorine production. The time has now come for a Spanish website. Look for us at: www.swimlatinoamerica.org.

Another big event for **SWIM** is the shipping of a container of prepackaged food and a pallet of supplies to **Nicaragua**. It takes an unbelievable amount of paperwork, frustration, time, effort, and money to make this happen, but it is also a



tremendous blessing to so many. We have several feeding centers, churches, a Christian drug and alcohol rehab center, and many impoverished families that are very thankful to all who helped with this project. Hopefully we'll find a way to improve on the process in the future.



Unloading the container

David Spencer just returned from a 3 week trip to Africa. He has established a great CPU water ministry in **Kenya** and in parts of **Uganda**. We're hearing lots of wonderful stories of how God is blessing. Two SWIM team members will also be traveling to **India** very soon. India has been on my heart since my trips there and now Earl and Rich are hoping to expand the ministry and look at building the CPUs in country. More needs for prayer and praise! Hope to see some of you soon. Thanks again for your support that allows us to serve our Lord Jesus and help others.

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Romans 1:9,10 God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.