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## ***Clean Water Project in Nicaragua***

ADSIM Director, The Rev. Steadman Bent, will be the manager of the Clean Water Project in Nicaragua. Several young men were able to learn well drilling skills in 2008 when the project began. Chuck Nienow and Esther Tesh attended the ADSIM Board Meeting in 2009 where the resumption of well drilling was discussed. In a later meeting, Brother Bent agreed that the project's original goals should continue. ADSIM will drill wells for individuals who pay full cost for a well. They will also drill village wells in communities where people lack the resources to pay for a well. There is a very real need for the Clean Water Project to subsidize wells in these rural areas. In addition, ADSIM will support efforts to promote feelings of ownership among villagers who receive a well. Expectations include having villagers pay for the gasoline, oil, and grease used for drilling the casing for the well and the cement for the concrete pad. In addition, villagers will be expected to bring water, sand, and gravel to the drilling site as needed. Paying part of the well costs, providing help to the drilling team, and learning to take care of a well should help to promote feelings of ownership among villagers and insure that their well continues to produce good water.

Brother Bent also shared the Moravian Primary School's critical need for a well. Their well produced only a small amount of muddy water which was unfit for drinking. With no resources to pay for another well, buckets of water carried from the Moravian Church parsonage provided the only drinking water for the school's 300 chil-



Recess at the Moravian Primary School

dren. We assured him that the Clean Water Project would drill a new well at the school.

In March 2010, Chuck Nienow worked with 3 young men, Hedley Salmeron, John Downs, and Michael Hodgson, to drill a well 100 feet deep at the Primary School. Hedley and John

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## Costa Rica Costa Rica

Peje to this past weekend to accommodate the change. Since Nick sees now that we have a firm date for coming home that is not too far for him to comprehend, he has gotten a lot better. He is about 80% back to his normal self, praise God!

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## News of Antioch

Well, we are coming home a couple of weeks early. Thanks for your prayers for Nick. He has been such a good missionary on this adventure (that is so much different from his normal life!!). He had become so homesick that he had gone into depression, and he was not thinking clearly. Apparently in people with Down Syn-

drome, depression can cause Alzheimer's or dementia type symptoms. He was doing things like taking a shower with his clothes on, putting his belongings in the freezer, etc. We made the decision to return early because after next week our responsibilities here with the Music School are over. Juan moved the meeting at Rio



# A Message From Our President

*Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee  
Exodus 20:12*

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As Mother's Day is behind us and Father's Day is ahead, an expression of gratitude is most fitting. It is appropriate to offer a prayer for Mothers and Fathers.

## Mother's Day Prayer

Let us pray for new mothers, coming to terms with the reality of new responsibility;  
For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;  
For mothers who are tired, stressed and depressed;  
For mothers who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;  
For mothers who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;  
For mothers whose children have physical, mental, and emotional disabilities;  
For mothers who have children that they do not want;  
For mothers who raise children as single parents;  
For mothers who have lost a child;  
For mothers who care for the children of others;  
For mothers whose children have left home;  
And for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.  
God bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good.



Fatherhood presents many challenges and hardships, which every Dad bears with pride and happiness. This Father's Day, take the time to say a special prayer of gratitude for your Dad.

## Father's Day Prayer

Let us pray for those fathers who have fulfilled the responsibility of parenting;  
For fathers who have fallen short in their parenting responsibilities;  
For fathers who struggle to balance work and coaching little league games;  
For fathers who make time to communicate with children;  
For fathers who are unable to feed their children;  
For fathers who have children that they do not want;  
For fathers who care for the children of others;  
For fathers who have died, that God may welcome them into eternal life;  
God bless all fathers and guide them so that Christ can shine through them.



**Father, it is your commandment that we honor our fathers and mothers. Hear the prayers we offer.**

**Inspire them with your love and help them fulfill your word.**

Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

*Submitted by Evon Crooks, President*

# News From Antioch—Costa Rica



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May 21st is the day our flight is set to come home. We are sad to leave all of our friends here, and there are many churches who want us to come and minister in their congregations, so God may bring us back here to do more work. We leave that in His hands. If so, it would most likely not be for such an extended time, as that would be better for Nick.

This week we had a guitar conference with Brad Bennett and Sam Gray coming from the US to conduct it. Attendance was very good, and they had a concert today. In this week coming up, we have a vocal and choral conference. I will be assisting a young lady from the US who is coming to conduct the meetings. We are looking forward to helping her use her musical talents for the Lord.



God has been working in the lives of many people, praise His name!! I have uploaded to YouTube a video of a mother testifying about how God healed her baby. We prayed for this child shortly after we arrived in Costa Rica, and now she does not require surgery. The video is in English (the type of English spoken here, which is a little different than American English, but you can understand her). Here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPGrR5DLHD0>

Thank you for praying for the meetings we had in the different churches. Yesterday we had a blessed time in ministry. Juan was able to baptize three men in a river. One of the men, Emilio, accepted Christ in the meetings Juan did at Las Brisas. He didn't have a Bible, so Juan gave him his Bible. He is really serious about the Lord wants to become a missionary. The pastor will be training him in spiritual things.



Submitted by  
Jaun and Debbie Suarez and  
Son Nick

## Deeper Deeper Deeper

In the Liverpool campaign there were several children who gave their hearts to the Lord. Several people reconciled with the Lord. Juan prayed for many people who were sick or had various disorders. We have heard that the people in the village are still talking about the works of God through the meetings. Thank you for praying.

We thank God that He has brought much fruit in the time we have spent here in Costa Rica. As we return, we ask that you pray for God's direction in the next steps we will be taking. Pray that God will show us which doors He wants us to walk through. We have had offers of ministry in three countries, and we need to know where, when, and how God wants to accomplish His will through our lives.

As I get more of our videos processed and more pictures sorted, I will send you some more. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting this ministry in prayers and finances. You are our partners in the fruit here.

## Clean Water Project in Nicaragua

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Iready had well drilling skills gained from working with Brother Griggs in 2008. These men will be the team to drill other wells for ADSIM. Sister Doris Bush, Primary School Director, reports that the new well is full of crystal clear water even though this is the dry season and the water level in many wells is low.

Jesus said, "I was thirsty and you gave me a drink...whenever you did this for one of the least important brothers of mine, you did it for me."



Team at work drilling the well—Chuck Nienow, Hedley Salmeron, John Downs, Michael Hodgson

Rev. Steadman Bent reports that the Red Cross will pay to have wells drilled at three sites in Puerto Cabezas. The communities of Sisin and Sakalwas, a Sumu community in the Bonanza mines area, are asking for wells also. After the ADSIM team drills the well in Sisin, the men will travel to Sakalwas to drill that well.

Project funds remaining after the work in 2008 were used to pay for the well at the Primary School. Also, project funds will help to pay for the wells in Sisin and Sakalwas. However, if ADSIM is to continue to drill wells in rural communities, the Clean Water Project must raise additional money. The average cost of a well is \$2200.

**As in the past, contributions to this project should be sent to:**

**Mission Society,  
500 S. Church St.,  
Winston-Salem, NC  
27101.**

**Please include the notation, 'Clean Water Project,' on the check.**

**Chuck Nienow and  
Esther Tesh are Clean  
Water Project Coordinators  
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Finished well with casing installed. The next step is to add the concrete slab and put a pump on the well.



Well drilling at the primary school in Nicaragua

1. Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint. Pray for those who are shut-ins and are unable to get out to worship and do routine activities. Pray also for widows, widowers, and others who might be alone or lonely.
2. Will not God grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long in helping them? Pray for Safiatu and Mohamed Braima who are separated as Safie's leg continues to heal. Praise God for the wonderful medical care she has received.
3. Christ says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Pray for Dusty Harrison, serving with Greek InterVarsity Campus Ministry at Clemson University ([www.greekiv.org](http://www.greekiv.org))
4. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ. Pray for C & V and all others who work with college students teaching them to know Jesus.
5. I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. Pray today for Brian, pilot, and Heather, chalk artist, Marx who are serving with MAF and in ministry in Indonesia. Their e-mail address is [Bmarx@maf.org](mailto:Bmarx@maf.org)
6. Sunday-Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. Pray for Antioch Servants that serve in Nepal, Costa Rica, South Africa, and other countries. Pray for leaders Sam Gray, Lisa Mixon, Jill Kolodziej, and Billy Flippin.
7. All who were incensed against the Lord shall come to him and be ashamed. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx, with MAF in Nampa, Idaho.
8. They shall come and join themselves to the Lord by an everlasting covenant that shall never be forgotten. Pray for Mark Ebert, Director of the Moravian Volunteer Resources and that many will volunteer and donate.
9. The centurion sent friends to say to Jesus, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.' Pray for Gerard and Dr. Norvelle Goff Rudy as they witness and serve in Ahuas, Honduras.
10. Through Jesus, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name. Pray for all ministers serving as Chaplains in schools, hospitals, and the various branches of armed forces.
11. Let marriage be held in honor by all. Pray that those considering marriage and those counseling them would be led and blessed by the Holy Spirit and that the sanctity of marriage would be recognized and respected. Praise God for those who witness for God in marriage.
12. Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all. Pray for organizations such as Samaritan's Purse, Soar, Marc, Artic Barnabas and the Billy Graham Assoc. which serve so many hurting people in the name and love of Jesus
13. Sunday-We know that a person is justified not by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for Ruth and George Goff, a pilot from the Honduras Moravian Church serving with Alas de Socorro in Honduras.
14. The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Pray for good health and safety for Michael, Cecilia, and Blessing Tesh and the children in their orphanage. Pray that their chickens will provide good revenue.
15. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as though it were dry land. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent from Friedland Moravian Church who are serving with Campus Crusade in Croatia.
16. Paul said, "To this day I have had help from the God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great." Pray for the church and the people of Labrador and for Glenna and George Tasedan who are serving there.
17. God will satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Pray for K&C in the Middle East serving with Campus Crusade and for all others who serve Christ in that area of the world.
18. He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him. Pray for the victims of the devastating earthquake in China and Tibet. Thank God for those who have been saved and for relief workers.
19. I am continually with you, you hold my right hand. Pray for the Directors of the BWM, Interim Exec. Director Bob Sawyer and his wife Jill, and the Mission Societies of the Moravian Church.
20. Sunday-Dominion belongs to the Lord and He rules over the nations. Pray for the teams that have served in Haiti and those who will go. Pray for the earthquake victims in Haiti. Pray for A Hand Up For Haiti and other groups directing help to those suffering people.
21. Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace-in peace because they trust in you. Pray for Child Evangelism Fellowship, its leaders, and the many children reached with the word of Jesus' Good News.
22. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. Christ prayed, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." Pray for SOAR International, ministering in the Chukotka region of Russia.
23. Christ prayed, "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." Pray for SOAR International, ministering in the Chukotka region of Russia by encouraging the local church, teaching Bible camps, holding women's outreach events, etc.
24. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. Pray for the Suarezes & son Nick concluding their service in the Costa Rica School of Music and Worship.
25. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Pray for the Bishops of the Moravian Church, SP and their wives— Robert Iobst, John Wilson, Lane Sapp (Lilyann), Wayne Burkette (Nancy), J. C. Hughes (Rita), and Sam Gray (Lorena).
26. To God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Pray for those who minister in diverse settings such as provincial offices, counseling centers, ecumenical agencies, prisons, hospitals, schools, colleges, and the armed services.
27. Sunday-If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Pray for Ruth Snyder, Claire Wilson and all others who are working to give women a "Second Chance." Pray for guidance and opportunities for the women seeking to return to life outside correctional confines.
28. Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. Pray for M & C in Asia.
29. If you, Oh Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? Pray for the Marlowes and A and N and children serving Christ through Wycliffe.
30. I am the Lord your God, who teaches you for your own good, who leads you in the way you should go. Pray for the Carlsons & Alaska Christian College.



Greetings from hot and sunny Mexico,

We are back in Mexico, and have had a very busy first month. We also have some big news, Eunice is pregnant!!! She is about 2 months along and the due date is around the first of December. We are excited.

In April we said a sad goodbye to Nicaragua, but have had hardly any time to reflect on it coming back to Oaxaca. We jumped right back into our lives here and have been super busy. The first week we went with our friends to the national conference of christian university students in Puebla. It was a good time and we met some of the students who are going to be missionaries this summer in our summer missions program. Manuel Rosas and I have been working hard in the carpentry shop, making furniture for our apartment, and for clients. During our time outside of the shop we are planning for the summer missions program, teaching a couple of weeks of the Perspectives course (a course on cross cultural missions strategy), and leading our local church as part of the leadership team. Eunice has been resting since we had a few scares during the first month of the pregnancy, but God has been good and things are normal now. We saw the baby and his/her hands and feet and nose, which is a good sign. On the ultrasound the baby looks almost fully developed, it is hard for me to imagine that he/she is still only a couple of inches long, what a sculptor God is!!

Another development here in Oaxaca has been the uniting of several house churches. We have shared a couple of Sundays, worshipping together, and we are hoping that these four churches can be a model for multiplication here in Oaxaca. We hope to maintain each church's autonomy while promoting each other, looking for the best fit for new people that look to join a church. Having four churches in different areas of the city allows us to place new people in a church more conveniently located and that fits their personality. We hope this is the future of churches here, sharing, and maintaining close contact, without creating jealousy or competition.

There is a lot going on and we need lots of prayer support. We need strength to keep up the pace. Also, we are under a bit of spiritual attack in our local church because of the enemy is sowing discord. Another prayer request is for a friend of ours, Gonzalo, whose mom has terminal cancer and only a few months to live. Gonzalo is 24. Finally, pray for Eunice and me, for her health, and the baby's. Thank you so much for your support. Every part of the body is necessary and appreciated.

Blessings,

phil and eunice raiford

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# Mobilizing in Mexico

Since the beginning of our time in Mexico, we have wanted to see Mexican churches and missionaries going to their own unreached people groups. In Guerrero we saw that when an Acapulco church sent three ladies to join us in Ometepec. There weren't many other opportunities for mobilizing, though. Now, in Oaxaca, there are. These last few weeks have been some of the most encouraging of our time in Oaxaca. Robert and I have been involved with two missionary training schools equipping Mexicans so that they can go to the unreached of their own country, including Indian groups of southern Mexico. Here are two situations that have come up recently:

Alejandro heads up a church planting team of nine members and five trainees. A few weeks ago, I taught all of them a five day seminar on church planting. At the end, I took part in the commissioning of these church planters headed toward unreached areas of Oaxaca. Laying hands on these fourteen Mexican missionaries as they knelt in the grass, I felt that God was answering a prayer we've been making for the last 18 years, that missionaries be raised up from right here in Mexico who would reach their own people for Christ. I am convinced that the Mexican church needs to be faithful in reaching its own "Samaria" before it will be effective in reaching those further afield.

Just as encouraging is the *way* these missionaries are being trained. The fourteen Mexicans we commissioned are being trained right on the field, where they can marry head knowledge and practice from the get-go, apprenticeship style. If you think about it, apprenticing is how Jesus and Paul trained their disciples...and Francis of Assisi and Martin Luther and Charles Spurgeon and many others. It's also the way these missionaries will need to train their own disciples so that these disciples can train others spontaneously.

This Sunday Alejandro and Robert will be taking three of the trainees to Mixteco villages in Guerrero. They will learn Mixteco and fit into village life under the watchful eyes of fellow believers. What we pray is that God will fill them with love for this culture so that they will return as longer term missionaries to Guerrero. Join us in praying for them in the months to come as they serve out their apprenticeships in Yuviani and Yoloxochil.

Last Monday I taught a Perspectives class on Church Multiplication to a group of 45 Oaxacans. We asked ourselves, "What is the difference between the commands that Jesus gave us in the Gospels and the patterns that we develop to apply these commands?" Do our methods ever keep us from being obedient to Jesus? Here in Oaxaca, it happens all the time.

A century ago a missionary wrote a controversial book entitled *Missionary Methods: St Paul's or Ours?* and missionaries have been trying to answer the question ever since. As North Americans we have developed methods for spreading God's kingdom that work for us. We have started Bible schools and Sunday Schools and Missionary Training Schools. We have used crusades, roman roads, and membership classes. But what happens when we export these methods to other cultures? Do they work? *Are we willing to give them up if they don't?* Pray with us for these potential missionaries (our team has two more teaching sessions) that they will answer these questions with grace, and take steps toward this high calling.

Blessings, Anne Thiessen, Oaxaca, Mexico

Anne Thiessen  
and Ladies  
Group





# *Kannoak Mission Team*

**Shares news from mission trip to Mississippi on June 4, 7:00 p.m. at Christ Moravian Church**

**Music, Slides, Prayer, Fellowship, Refreshments**

# **Needed**

First Grade books needed for 2010—2011 school year at Old Town Elementary. Contact Bethabara Moravian Church at 336-924-8789 or [www.bethabara.org](http://www.bethabara.org) for a list of books. They will be collected at the church office.



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