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## **Lawrenceville Missionaries Return to US with New Roles**

### *Bakers Appointed Co-Directors of The Mission Society's Global Resource Team*

NORCROSS, Ga. – The Mission Society has chosen missionaries Ed and Linda Baker to transition from drilling water wells in Nicaragua to leading a global team of cross-cultural workers in Lawrenceville, Ga.

After more than a decade of foreign missionary service, the Bakers will co-direct The Mission Society's Global Resources Team, which provides specialists in various disciplines to help other Christian missionaries worldwide. The Bakers will also serve as the water and sanitation specialists on the team.

"We are delighted Ed and Linda have answered God's call to take on these leadership roles," said Dick McClain, president and CEO of The Mission Society. "They are well qualified and certainly know what it takes to be effective missionaries."

The Bakers will manage a team of ministries spanning the globe that includes specialists in agriculture, commerce, health, water and sanitation, and outreach to women. They fill the position formerly held by Larry Williams, who served as Global Resources Team director the past 10 years.

During the Bakers' service abroad, they provided clean water through well-drilling as a support ministry to church planting. They completed more than 40 projects in Paraguay, Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua involving wells, spring development, sanitation and water quality assessments. They returned from Nicaragua in December and will reside in Lawrenceville, Ga.

"We're excited about this new opportunity," Ed Baker said. "It will give us a wonderful chance to share what we've learned through our professional careers, not only as missionaries, but for me as an engineer and for Linda as a database consultant."

Before becoming full-time missionaries with The Mission Society in 1999, Ed Baker served for 25 years as a civil engineer, specializing in water resources and sanitation. Linda Baker worked as a computer consultant. They have two daughters, Rhian and Kara, and two grandsons.

To learn more about the Bakers and their ministry, visit [www.themissionsociety.org](http://www.themissionsociety.org).

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society recruits, trains and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. At present, it has more than 200 missionaries in 38 countries. The Mission Society develops diverse programs and ministries in accordance with its missionaries' unique callings and gifts, ranging from well-drilling and the arts to more traditional ministries such as teaching English and church planting. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops, and mentoring for congregations in the United States and overseas, helping equip churches for strategic outreach in their own communities and throughout the world.



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