



Nicaragua

QUICK FACTS

POPULATION: 5,785,846

LANGUAGE: Spanish 97.5% (official), Miskito 1.7%, other 0.8%

Note: English and indigenous languages on Atlantic coast

RELIGIOUS GROUPS: Roman Catholic 72.9%, Evangelical 15.1%, Moravian 1.5%, Episcopal 0.1%, other 1.9%, none 8.5%

OPENED FIELD IN 2004

BAKER FAMILY ENTERED FIELD IN 2009

BAKER FAMILY MINISTRIES:

- Well Drilling Ministry
- Evangelism

For more information about the Baker family, visit their web site at <http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/baker>.

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Ed and Linda Baker served in Paraguay for seven years before moving to Nicaragua. In both locations they led short-term mission teams to dig fresh water wells in rural areas which had little or no access to clean water. The Bakers' motto is "Aqua de Vida," which means, "Water for Life."

Originally from Georgia, Ed worked as a civil engineer for 25 years in the field of sanitation and water resources. Linda earned a degree in management and worked as a computer consultant after raising their two daughters. The Bakers led short-term mission trips to Honduras and the Dominican Republic for several years before retiring from their jobs and joining The Mission Society.

Ed and Linda served in Paraguay from 2002 – 2008, working in a variety of ministries. They coordinated short-term teams to dig water wells and successfully dug more than two dozen wells. The wells were dug in primarily rural areas, often located at a newly planted Methodist church. The Bakers also coordinated water development and treatment projects, sanitation/hygiene training programs, and computer training and assistance.

Ed was also asked to serve as the district superintendent of the San Pedro District of the Methodist Church. He shared the preaching responsibilities at Tacuapi Methodist Church and oversaw nine churches in the district. Linda assisted

with several of the Methodist Women's Federation programs and served as the coordinator for the Federations in their region. Ed and Linda also coordinated the construction of a Methodist school and helped with construction projects at new and existing Methodist churches around Paraguay.

The Bakers are embarking on a new journey as they move to Nicaragua to expand their ministries and continue the work God has called them to. They plan to dig water wells in rural areas that do not have access to clean water, as well as continue the sanitation/hygiene programs, computer training, and preaching that they did in Paraguay.

When asked about their ministry and life in Central America, they remark, "We are two of the most honored people in God's creation; we are able to travel to exciting new places, meet new people, and share God's Word."