

SLATER'S MEMO TO FAMILY & FRIENDS.

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Water is a wonderful gift from God. It's what we drink to sustain life. It's what is used to put out a fire. We use it to keep clean and it's what God designed to beautify His landscapes. Yet it's true, there are those times when we would prefer to see a lot less of it. Floods are never a joy. Too much rain can be a pain and at certain times of the year in Ecuador, perfect strangers take great enjoyment in whipping water balloons at the back of your head! If it wasn't so wet it would be fun. Having said all that, we do want to announce that the William Cornelius Vocational Training Centre has been chosen to receive the first of many 'wells' that will provide fresh water to schools around the world. Thank you - all the young people who have worked so hard at organizing fund raising concerts to promote the 'Just Add Water' project. And thank you to all those who have contributed time, talent and treasure.

All the negotiating quotes and finalizing of paperwork is almost complete here, so God willing we should be seeing the drilling rig coming our way soon. We are working with our computer geek so that we can video the process and you folk in cyber space can actually watch what's going on from your own computer.

This blessing that you are providing for us at the school is not only a gift that will ensure a water supply for years to come; it is especially significant to the W.C.V.T.C. because a 'spring of living water' was the central feature of the original vision for this particular school and ministry. That a 'gusher' of water would shoot up from this place sending emissaries of blessing from here to many other places around Guatemala and beyond.

Every student here has the opportunity to receive Career training, High school education and Discipleship preparation. It truly is thrilling to see what God is doing through this school. Pauline and I are amazed at how our national leaders and teachers are investing themselves into these young lives. We will remain here giving encouragement and mentoring only until our first graduation ceremony this October 24 & 25th. After this we will be relocating somewhere in Canada, as the Lord leads. However it has been agreed that wherever we eventually settle down, we will continue to provide ongoing accountability and guidance as Board advisors and Foundation members.

Remember that the future success and ongoing blessing to the underprivileged youth of Guatemala, will always, to a certain degree, be dependant on the faithful prayers and sponsorships of those of us far away in Canada who are committed to supporting this vital work of God's Kingdom developing all around us and is not subject to time, space and distance.

This water of life truly is a gift that will continue producing a legacy that will send it's blessings on ahead of us - forever.

Be blessed.

Alan & Pauline.