

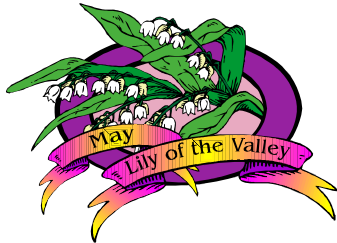
# Las Damas de Baxter

## The Baxter Ladies



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### SPRING FLING

**Sat, May 16 at 11 am**  
**Mimi's Café**  
**2615 Medical Center Pkwy.**  
**Murfreesboro, TN**

Ann Gordon made the reservations for the luncheon this year. She needs to give the restaurant a final count by May 15 – call Ann at 848-1611. Please join us for good food, fellowship and planning session.

There will be a car pool leaving from Vultee at 10:15 AM. If you would like to ride with us call 367-1884.

If you are driving on I-24 take exit 76 turn left on Medical Center Pkwy. Go about 1.6 miles. Mimi's Café is on the right. If you don't like to drive on the Interstate just ask Ann for directions when you make your reservations.

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

April 21, 2009

**Howard Norton selected as  
next president of Baxter  
Institute**

Tegucigalpa, Honduras – The board of directors of Baxter Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Howard W. Norton as the next president of Baxter Institute, effective June 1, 2009. Norton will serve as the fourth president of the Institute and as president of Association Amicus, a Honduran not-for-profit organization that also oversees the James Moody Adams Clinic. JMA Clinic partners with Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Blacksburg, Virginia, to provide medical services to the population of Honduras. Each year, the Clinic hosts numerous medical brigades and students.

### Report on Spring Dinner at Maple Hill



Special thanks to the Maple Hill congregation for hosting the Spring Dinner! This dinner is always a special treat for us. The food was excellent and the service by the youth group was outstanding.

The collection was \$3,440. We will use enough money from the pecan sale to add \$4,000 to the Kate Howard Scholarship Fund.

### MAY MEMORIALS

W. T. Exum

By: Billy & Virginia Elrod

T. Vance Little

By: Louise J. Lampley & family

Otis Dodd

By: Jim & Helen Costello

Marvin Howard

By: Jim & Helen Costello

James Beals, Sr.

By: Jim & Helen Costello

Gerald Henson

By: Jim & Helen Costello

Anne Smith

Billy & Virginia Elrod

James Howell

By: Lorene Howell

Mary Jo Whittaker

By: Neil & Annabelle Lawrence

Meg. Myatt

By: Neil & Annabelle Lawrence

### HONORS

Randy & Margaret Perry

By: Helen Johnson

*The Lord delights in those who  
fear Him, who put their hope in  
His unfailing love. Psalm  
147:11*

## JEANNE'S LETTER

Beginnings...endings...

Five years ago Steve and I were preparing to begin the greatest adventure of our lives – moving to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to work with the Baxter Institute and JMA Clinic.

We were not trained to be missionaries in the sense that most think of missionaries. Steve was a university accounting teacher and I had a drapery business. Although Steve spoke quite a bit of Spanish, I did not! I felt somewhat inadequate but knew that God had planned this whole scenario which was to become our lives for the next 5 years.

What an experience it has been! God has blessed my life during the past 5 years in ways that I could never have imagined. Has it all been rosy? Definitely not! We went through some pretty hard times. Some of those had to do with the actual work. You know, when you have humans working with other humans, there are going to be differences of opinions and problems will arise. But I have to honestly say that those hard times at Baxter and the Clinic were few and far between.

Our hardest time of all was being in Tegucigalpa and learning that our unborn granddaughter had died in September of 2006. Although Steve is fairly emotional at times, I have only seen him break down and cry like a baby a couple of times. That night was one of those times. We made it home to be with our daughter and her family, but then we knew that we had to return to Honduras and leave her to deal with her grief without her mama and daddy there. That was hard.

We've had children married, grandchildren born, family members having surgery, friends going through hard times, etc. Somehow we've always managed to be home when we needed to be. And we always had the support, love and prayers of our friends and family at Baxter and the Clinic.

Despite the tough times, we have had an amazing 5 years working with some of the most incredible people on earth! The students who have passed through the halls of Baxter Institute during the years we have been there are what we like to call "the cream of the crop". They have amazing faith and love for the gospel and for lost souls. Some have sold all they have to be able to afford the plane ticket to Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

We have seen students, both single and married, grow and mature during their time at Baxter. We have seen students' children born and grow and change during our 5 years. We have grown to love the staff and faculty of Baxter and all the staff at the Clinic, as well. We've seen employees obey the gospel because someone cared enough to teach it to them.

The minute we stepped into Toncontin Airport in Tegucigalpa on July 18, 2004, met by Armando Pacheco and Noé Perez, we felt accepted as part of the Baxter family. We have been loved. We have been prayed for. We have received incredible blessings above all that we could ever hope or imagine.

One of my greatest blessings has been to meet the precious ladies who make up Las Damas de Baxter of Nashville. You have been such an inspiration and example of what true women of God should be. Your hard work is evident in physical buildings on the campus of Baxter Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. It is evident in the lives of students who have graduated from Baxter and are now preaching the gospel practically all over the world. You will always have a special place in my heart and in my memories.

Thank you for the encouragement you have given and the love you have shown to this lowly servant of God. You always made me feel like I could do the job God gave me to do even when I wasn't so sure. You made me feel special and important. Not important in a haughty or prideful way...just needed. Thank you...I love you all so much!

I will be forever grateful for this opportunity God has given me. And now it's time for this wonderful "adventure" to end. On June 1, Steve and I will be getting on a plane at Toncontin Airport, heading home to begin another part of our lives. As we end our tenure, another couple will begin theirs. Howard and Jane Norton will be the new president and "first lady" of Baxter! (I always loved that term! ☺) They are servants of God and will do an amazing job.

May our God bless you and the work you do for the people of Honduras always.

With much love,

Jeanne

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