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AN UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

[Note: the following is edited from Howard's report to the Board of Directors.]

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters:

Thank you for the leadership, support, and encouragement you provide Baxter Institute and the James Moody Adams Clinic. We are enjoying a good school year, and the spirit on campus is invigorating. I hope these bullet points will inform and inspire you.

- 1- Because of your continued generosity and support, our financial situation is stable. **Thank you!** This is good news, but we still need to strengthen our position—especially in the Clinic.
- 2- **Ted Adams**, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. James Moody Adams, is planning to visit and work at the JMA Clinic in the near future to honor his father and mother.
- 3- Jane and I were present and I spoke at the Spring Dinner in Lebanon, Tennessee on April 17. **Joe Widick**, the **Maple Hill Church of Christ**, and **Damas of Baxter** all did a fabulous job. There was a full house, and those present donated over \$3600.
- 4- I spoke Sunday morning, April 18, at the **Vultee congregation** in Nashville.
- 5- We have been blessed recently with visitors who taught our students: **Walter and Mary Nelle Kreidel** of Franklin, TN, members of the **Harpeth Hills church**; **Dr. H. M. Motsinger** of the **Saturn Road church** in Dallas; and **Bob and Joyce Corbin** of the **College church** in Searcy, AR.
- 6- Seminario Baxter is next week, May 12-15. Our theme is “The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.” The keynote speaker is **Dr. Dan Coker**. So far as we know, Dan established the first congregation of churches of Christ in Honduras. Other speakers are **Selvin Monterroso, Luis Garcia, Santos Espinoza, Jonas Chaves, Roberto Alvarez, Geovanny Moreno, Lenin Munguia, Leopoldo Villacorta, Cesar Velasquez, Bob Young, and Hector Ardila**. Dan Coker will also speak at the Culto Unido on Sunday, May 16.



-7- Heavy rains have helped ease our water problem. We will continue to work on the well with the hopeful assurance that it will yield more water than we now receive. We are grateful for the help we have received on this project from the **Damas de Baxter group in Huntsville, TX.**

-8- **Jim Frazier** and the other **Pan American Lectureship** directors have announced that the 2010 PAL will be in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on October 31-November 6. More information is available from Jim at 1-800-533-7660. This will be a blessing for

Baxter and the Clinic as well as for works being done by many other brothers and sisters in Honduras.

-9- The **Baxter Chorus** now includes women's voices since some of the wives have joined the chorus. Mario Rivera recommended the change and says the women have improved the quality. They will be singing at the Seminario Baxter.

-10- The largest group of students within the 58 now enrolled come from **Nicaragua**. We are aiming for 75 students next year. Our problem is a shortage of married students' dormitories.

-11- **Lenin Munguia** has been accepted as a graduate student at Harding University Graduate School of Religion beginning August 16, 2010. He was our valedictorian in 2009 and has been teaching this year as he awaited acceptance, secured documents, and jumped through other hoops. Lenin excelled on the TOEFL English exam. He is under contract to teach at Baxter after graduation from HUGSR.

-12- It appears that we will have nearly **25 different groups** stay on the Baxter campus in 2010.

-13- The president's house is still awaiting necessary documents to begin construction.

-14- Miguel Angel, Armando Pacheco, and Oscar Chirinos have plans to remodel and improve the basement facilities under the cafeteria where visiting groups of women and girls sleep at Baxter.

-15- **Selvin Monterroso** has been invited to do a distance-learning class on the Holy Spirit for the Hispanic part of the Pepperdine University Lectureship. **Guadalupe Mayo** recently gave a series of lessons for BICA in El Progreso. I have been invited to be one of the keynote speakers at a church in Guatemala City, and the Baxter Chorus will sing for that event.

-16- We look forward to having **Bob and Jan Young** in Honduras, May 11-27. Bob has several projects scheduled while he is in this country. We are glad that Bob can teach at the Seminario Baxter and that they can spend time on the campus.

--- Grace and peace to all of you,

Howard Norton

