

Las Damas de Baxter

The Baxter Ladies



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SUMMER BRUNCH TO BENEFIT BAXTER

10 AM Sat, July 18
Vultee church of Christ
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The focus of the brunch will be on the work done in our area by former Baxter students. The money raised will be for student support.

This will be The Baxter Ladies' 27th anniversary. As our organization has aged and so have our supporters. Please help us find new contacts who will be willing carry on this work.

In addition to our 4 main fund raisers, which are designated for special purposes, we receive donations from our members, from the pecan sale and Memorial gifts. We use this money to pay for the postage, supplies and expenses for the fund raiser. This year we are sponsoring a child in the JMA Nutrition Program and we sent \$1,000 to Baxter to help with the

June double salaries required by government in Honduras.

NEWS & NOTES

From JMA Clinic:

Edwin Rodriguez Hernandez

Is the child that Las Damas sponsors this year. Edwin lives in San Lucas, Paraiso, four hours from Tegucigalpa. His home is made of adobe with a dirt floor and a metal roof. His mother takes care of the home and his three other siblings. His father assists a bricklayer, earning approximately \$160 a week.

Graduation Trip 2009

Right now we can see the ground package pretty clearly. The costs will be about the same as last year for that part of the trip: \$550/person for a single room, \$350/person for a double room, and \$275/person for a triple. This includes the hotel, ground transportation, Wed p.m. reception, Thursday lunch on campus, Thurs p.m. dinner with graduates, and Saturday p.m. graduation banquet. It also pays baggage handling tips and exit taxes.

The airfare is a little less certain. The Nashville folks fly American, and American is showing us a cost of almost \$800 with no guarantees that it will not go up based on fuel costs, etc. That the ticket goes up is always an option until we actually send the money in full.

Right now we can buy individual tickets on American for \$150-200 less, and when we pay in full, we guarantee the price.

One Last Note from Jeanne

Monday, June 1, 10:30 p.m.

I'm in the air looking down on a city somewhere outside of Miami. I'm heading home. About 12 hours ago, Steve and I said goodbye to all of our Baxter students, most of the faculty and staff and the Clinic staff at Toncontin Airport. I have never received so many hugs in one day in my life. As we were heading towards the escalator, I turned one last time to see 45-50 of our friends, co-workers and students waving, cheering, and applauding...yelling out things like "Don't forget us!" "You'll always be in our heart!" "I love you with the love of Christ!" "I will never forget you!"... But it wasn't actually my last time to see them, because I turned around several more times before reaching that escalator - I just couldn't get enough of those precious faces.

Faces of people like:

- **Armando Pacheco**, friend, brother, giver of the best hugs this side of Heaven.
- **Haydee**, who came to my apartment last Saturday so that I could teach her to quilt and hand appliqué before I left.
- **Daniel**, our student from Cuba who came to Baxter last year alone because his government wouldn't let his

wife and children leave the country.

- **Marco**, who works so hard as a driver for the Clinic for little pay and who is one of the most humble men I know.
- **Maria Vasquez**, the Clinic receptionist who has to walk down a rocky and many days muddy road for about a mile every single workday to catch a bus to go to work. She always is smiling.
- **Allan** who calls me Mom and says “I will miss you more”.
- **Gloria**, my friend who I will miss dearly
- **Rachell** and **Onaiviv**, precious little girls who give me lots of hugs and kisses
- **Amber** who has worked so very hard as a single missionary for over 5 years and is doing some of the most amazing work with children at her church and recently with feeding some of the poorest and most unlovely people in the world. She does it because she does love them and she loves God.

As I leave, I wonder where these students of “mine” (really God’s) will

be next year – in 5 years – in 10 years... I fully believe that in the next few years, literally hundreds of lost souls will be led to Christ through the hands and feet and voices of these students.

I leave them with sadness because they have become more than merely students, co-workers and friends. They have become family. It’s customary in Latin American countries to call each other “Hermana” (sister) and “Hermano” (brother). I love it because it’s truly from the heart.

These people love like no other people on earth. They feel deeply, work hard – I mean **really, really** hard. And they **pray** hard. Just this week more than 80 members of the LaVega church of Christ near Baxter met at 5 a.m. to pray together. They do this often.

Before Steve and I left “our” apartment this morning for the last time, we prayed that it would be used to the glory of God, that Baxter would flourish and grow preachers to evangelize the world and that the Clinic will continue to realize the importance of healing souls, not just bodies. We also prayed for our new

president of Baxter, Howard Norton and his wife, Jane.

We love Baxter and all she stands for. We love the Clinic and the way they touch so many lives. We are grateful for each person who has crossed our path and blessed our life.

No matter where on earth any of us go, we will always be brothers and sisters serving the same Sovereign God!

I will never forget –

Love, Jeanne

JUNE HONOR GIFT

Celebrating the birth of Aubrey Elizabeth Lawrence (our first great grandchild)
By: Neil & Annabelle Lawrence

2 Tim. 2:2

The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others

Memorial and Honor gifts received in June will be sent to Baxter to help with the June double salaries for Baxter Institute and JMA Clinic employees.

MEMORIAL OR LIVING HONOR GIFT

Memorial or Living Honor giving is chosen by many as their way of expressing love, appreciation and sympathy to loved ones. A Memorial or Honor Card which does not mention the amount of your gift will be sent to the family of a loved one or the person being honored. Your gift is tax deductible. Make checks payable to Vultee Church of Christ/SGO and send to Las Damas de Baxter, c/o Vultee church of Christ, 895 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, TN 37217

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