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Area Champion 800m Relay Team-Hagen Kennedy, Will Dutton, Darien Lopez, and Gunter Pennington

Sonora Graduate Commissioned As An Officer



Matthew and his wife Emily.

Matthew J. Glasscock, son of Ray and Nancy Glasscock, was commissioned as a United States Army Warrant Officer on Wednesday, 27 March 2013 at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He is scheduled to train as a helicopter pilot after completing the Basic Officer Leadership Course and the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) course.

Matthew is a 2003 graduate of Sonora High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University. He entered the US Army immediately after graduating from A&M and completed Basic infantry and Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina as a paratrooper. During this time with the 82nd Airborne, he was awarded the Expert infantry Badge and Jumpmaster certification. Matthew had two year long combat deployments to Baghdad, Iraq and Kandahar, Afghanistan. While at Baghdad, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge.

Matthew is married to the former Emily K. Shuart of Hampton, Virginia and Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

How We Got Here

By Colin Rosser

It was over a year ago that we landed in Uganda, East Africa. We've spent the last year learning about a new culture, hand drilling water wells, farming, learning a new language, making friends, learning to drive on the left side of the road, and having adventures while making Uganda home. I (Colin) lived in Sonora for 6 years prior to moving to Uganda. I felt as "at home" in Sonora as I have anywhere. Ronnie and I were married in December of 2008 and she joined me in our home at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. She was from New York, but wasted no time falling in love with the Experiment Station, sheep and goats, cedars, and most of all - the families that make up that area. Ronnie and I became good friends with many from the Sonora/Rocksprings area. Sometime, in 2010, Ronnie and I began to feel we were supposed to be doing something more with our lives. We felt like we were supposed to go and use what God had given us to bless others. We felt we were created for a purpose and that purpose involved helping others.

We were loving Sonora, loving my work at the Experiment Station, and were loving prescribed burning and growing our prescribed burn business. God began to work in a number of ways to get us thinking more and more about people outside of our own little world. God began to cultivate in us a heart for the poor and oppressed around the world. We began to see how folks were living and dying around the world from a number of easily-preventable causes, and how many of these folks who were suffering and dying were doing so without hope and without knowledge of Jesus Christ. We felt a burden for these people and began to pray that God would allow us to be used by Him in some way. We finally got to the place where we said "yes" to God's question before we even knew what the question would be. We said "yes" and God chose then to ask us to move our lives to Africa. And as it turns out, once you say yes, then whatever the question is that God asks, it doesn't seem so big or impossible or scary anymore. It just seems like the natural progression of things.

We had a desire to work with orphans or in water development. We didn't know which avenue was the one God wanted us to follow so we pursued both until God confirmed it was water when we met Terry Waller of San Angelo, the director of Water for All. In talking with Terry and getting the vision of not just helping folks with water, but rather empowering people to meet their own food, water, health, and financial needs using their own resources. We knew how much foreign aid had been pouring into Africa for decades and how people seem to be just as bad off now as they were decades ago, before all the aid and relief work. We knew that giving a man a fish will only feed him for a day, but teaching him to fish can feed him for a lifetime. We knew that handing out aid can create dependency. We knew that handing out water wells wasn't going to fix the severe water problem facing Africa, but empowering Africans to learn, drill, maintain

We spent the next 6 months
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Sonora Head Start would like to thank everyone who contributed to their Trike-a-thon and bake sale fundraiser for St.

Jude's Children's Hospital. With the donations the children collected and the donations made at the bake sale they had the opportunity of donating over \$1,100.00. During the trike-a-thon

the children enjoyed riding their bikes, trikes and scooters for almost 2 hours. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED AND HELPED WITH THE BAKE SALE!!

Rope for the Warriors



A benefit team roping, Rope for the Warriors, for Combat Marine Outdoors will be held May 4th at Consuelo Ranch, 8 miles south of Sonora on Highway 277. This will be the 10th annual benefit team roping at Consuelo Ranch. Three ropings will be held at this event. Books open at 9 am and roping will begin at 10am.

The Combat Marine Outdoors team and some of our Warriors will be at the roping. Sonora's hero, Breg Hughes, will be among the group. They will give a program after the first roping.

There will be a silent auction throughout the day to raise additional money for Combat Marine Outdoors. Kids activities will begin in the afternoon. Music will be provided by DJ Wylie Wagoner and the Caveman Bucking Bulls.

Combat Marine Outdoors provides Dream Hunts and Outdoor Adventures for severely wounded Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Navy Corpsmen. These hunting and fishing excursions play a vital role in the rehabilitation of the American heroes Combat Marine Outdoors'goal is to allow these heroic warriors the opportunity to have an outdoor adventure of a lifetime and to make sure that they understand that their service and sacrifice to our country are deeply appreciated.

Doug and Suzanne Huddleston, owners of Consuelo Ranch, are involved in an annual Devil's River excursion for Combat Marine Outdoors. About 20-25 Warriors and their support staff come the Devil's River for a 4 day weekend. Carl Teaff, who helps with the weekend said about our heroes, "They gave so we can have freedom. God bless them and their families." Rick Rylander sums up what helping the CMO has meant to all who are involved " It is life changing."

Everyone is invited to come out to roping, and have bar-b-que but most importantly, come meet our brave men and thank them for their service for us. As stated on the Combat Marine Outdoors flyer, "the smiles tell our story."

For more information about Combat Marine Outdoors you can visit their web site www.CombatMarineOutdoors.org


Senior Center Activities

Thurs. March 28- Happy Birthday Juan Garza
 Fri. March 29- CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY
 Mon. April 1-
 Tues. April 2-
 Wed. April 3-

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. March 14- Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles & mayo potato chips and milk
 Fri. March 15- Cheese enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, pineapple rings with cottage cheese and milk
 Mon. March 18- Ckn fried steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, roll, green salad, strawberries w/peaches and milk
 Tues. March 19- BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, roll, fruit salad and milk -
 Wed. March 20- Swiss steak over rice, veggie blend, roll, pears,pudding and milk

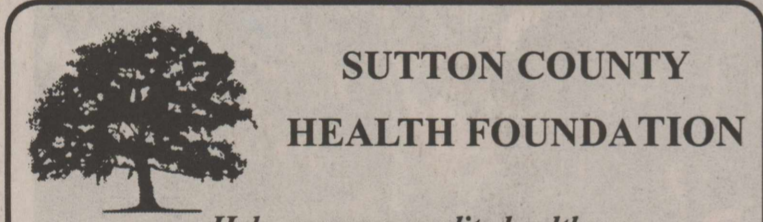
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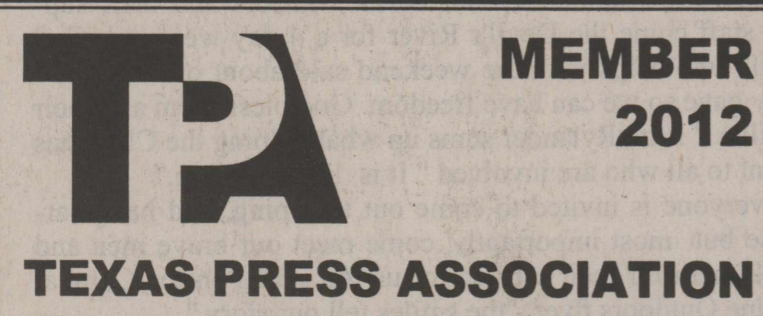
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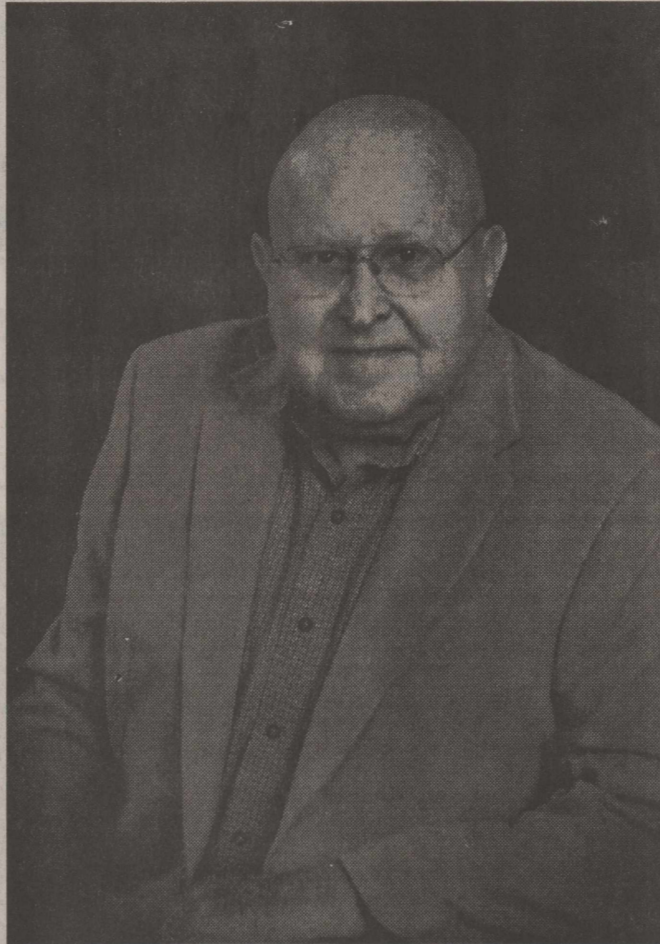
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Obituary



Donald A. Grider was born in Lockwood, Missouri on September 17, 1932, and died in San Angelo, Texas, on April 19, 2013. Don graduated from Odessa High School in 1950. After graduation he went to work for Ab-Tex Drilling for a short time and then joined WES-TEX Drilling Company as a tool pusher at age 21. He continued with WES-TEX until he formed Grider Trucking Company in 1973. Don formed his business with modest means, determination and hard work and was proud of his business, his employees and the company he built. Don could be a demanding boss, but never asked more of his employees than he was willing to give himself. He not only loved the oilfield, he thrived on it. Don did not believe in taking "days off" and his motto was simple, "never put off 'til the next second what you can do right this second."

He was preceded in death by his parents, R. C. and Blanche Grider, sister, Billie Kramer, daughter, Nancy Grider Tovar, and wife, Jan Grider. He survived by his wife, Earlene Grider, daughters, Karen Duke and Donald of Longview and Janice Caruthers and Doug Skolaut, of Sonora; son, Kerry Grider and Cheryl, of Red Oak, daughter, Paulette Grider of Abilene and brother, Dale Grider of Longview. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11:00 a. m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at The First Baptist Church of Sonora with Reverends T. Wayne Price and Matt Killough, presiding. Pall bearers will be Billy Martin, Tom Lock, Joe Fincher, Rusty Garner, Ben Pool, Tony Renfro and Bob Caruthers. Honorary pall bearers will be Randy Thompson, Elmo Moore, Charlie Coffey, Stanley Thompson, Jim Holmes and Grider Trucking Employees. The family requests memorials to the Sutton County Health Foundation, P.O. Box 18, Sonora, Texas; Old Glory Fund, P.O. Box 798, Sonora, Texas; First Baptist Church of Sonora/Missions; Hospice of San Angelo; or a favorite charity.

Services are under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home,

Thank You Note

Thanks to family and friends for cards, telephone calls, visits and prayers during Earl's convalescence from recent surgery. He is doing well.

Thanks to our grandson T.J. for his help, to our "paper girl" Kendra and especially our Leslie, who is always there when we need her.

Patsy & Earl Johnson

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Lillian Hudspeth Hospital for the excellent care we have received over the past few years. It was greatly appreciated.

The nursing staff performs well beyond their call of duty tending their patients, and they are cheerful and caring. All staff members, no matter the shift, were there when we needed them and ready to give the best of services.

The chapel provides a peaceful atmosphere for quite time and meditation, and the stained glass is comforting and beautiful. We also enjoyed the beautiful courtyard. It proved the perfect place to spend time with family and be able to relax and rest for a moment.

How blessed we are to have such a hospital as ours right here in Sonora. We have excellent doctors, nurses and emergency department, all who are available 24hrs a day. Thank you all for your kind service.

The Don Grider Family

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The Lions Roar

Lions had a good turnout and great meal as always. The Program was the Rita Frey who is the new director of the Eaton Hill Nature Center. Rita has lived in the area for three years and recently took over the reins for the Nature Center. Initially she began with an inventory of the things available and how best to utilize those things. Afterward she set goals for the program both those immediate and long range.

Rita began with the renovation of the John Eaton house. It was repainted and made very attractive. Soon it will have a new medal roof. The renovation also required making a comfortable lobby for a meeting and introduction area. Then two wings were prepared and set aside for special exhibits. One exhibit will be birds and animals, and the other mineral and fossil. Also there will be library of materials available for research on the various areas of interest. Rita also said she would welcome donations of taxidermy or other examples of local items.

Projects:

Tickets for the 85th Anniversary are in high demand. That celebration for the Sonora Downtown Lions Club will be on the evening of May 9th. Also Lions are getting geared up for the Seven on Seven competitions which Sonora will host in June. That will be a busy month with the Wool Show and also the Rodeo. Join lions and get involved!

Lion Jim Brisbin And Lion Brigitte Rogers Attended The Lions International District 2-A1 Convention In Midland, April 12 & 13, 2013.

Submitted by Jim Brisbin

The District Governor, Lion Tom Blase, thanked all Lions Clubs for donating to the Lions Club International Charities, which included the Sonora Downtown Club. Lion Frank Berthold, was elected as incoming District Governor from the San Angelo Downtown Lions Club. Lion John Gammil was elected as incoming 1st Vice District Governor from the Mason Lions Club. Lion A.J. Dolle was elected as incoming 2nd Vice District Governor from the Concho County Lions Club. These officers will be installed July 1, 2013. New bylaws for District 2-A1 were voted on and passed. Lion Jim and Lion Brigitte attended to the needs of Lion Carroll Jackson and his dog hunter visiting from Michigan. Lion Carroll Hunter and Lion Brigitte gave a seminar on Saturday about leader dogs for the blind attending Lions and guests. On Saturday a memorial service was held for all departed Lions from District 2-A1. A candle was lit for Lion Toni Lane. The District Governors Banquet was held Saturday and Lion Brigitte Rogers was recognized by District Governor, Lion Tom Blase for her work as District Chairs for Leader Dogs for the Blinds and Diabetes Awareness. Lion Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions Club International. Two years ago Lion Brigitte received a Melvin Jones Award and on Saturday she received a progressive Melvin Jones Award for her work as a Lion.

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PROJECT GRADUATION-Graduation is next month!! The all-night lock in party held at Sonora High School for Seniors and Juniors after Graduation..To provide an alcohol/drug free place to celebrate one of the most exciting times of their lives. Our community plays a vital role in the success of the programs for our youth. We appreciate any and all contributions to help plan this event. Please send your contributions to Project graduation P.O. Box 993 Sonora, TX 76950. Feel free to call if u have any questions Louise Dermody 325-226-3887 or Bonnie Lou Campbell 325-650-2062

The Old Ice House Ranch Museum needs an old oak ice box to display in the Museum! Can you help?

Art Classes the 1st or 2nd Monday of each month from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. \$36.00 per class, lunch included. FMI call Ken Rowland 432-238-3121, Lori Stricklan 325-226-2526 or Anita Spiller 325-387-5266.

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Mesquite Seedlings Numerous With Recent Rain



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

With all the bare ground out there, it's easy to see if anything is growing. After the recent rain, you may have noticed the new growth that looks like beans. And beans it is - mesquite bean sprouts (seedlings).

Mesquite plants have three growth stages. The seedling stage lasts from seed germination until the establishment of the first true leaf. The juvenile stage begins at the appearance of the first true leaf and ends when the plant produces mature, woody xylem tissue. The mature stage follows the juvenile stage.

For mesquite, maximum germination occurs at 80 to 85 degrees F and when the seed is covered with about 0.2 inch of soil. Although soil cover is not necessary for germination, it is needed for seedling survival. Soil temperatures must be at least 77 degrees F for mesquite seedlings to establish. Seedlings grow fastest at soil temperatures of 80 to 90 degrees F, but growth slows above 95 degrees.

How many seedlings will survive? To survive, seedlings need light, and the soil must be moist for at least 3 to 5 days after germination. Seedlings are usually established about 10 days after germination when the first true leaf, or cotyledon, is completely developed.

Newly emerged seedlings can be destroyed by insects or browsing animals if the plant tops are removed below the cotyledon. However, the seedlings will branch if the tops are removed above the cotyledon. Older seedlings are more likely to survive top removal, and plants will survive several years of successive top removal. This ability to survive top removal is the reason that methods to control mesquite using top removal do not work.

Because mesquite are prolific, they quickly invade and can take up much of the moisture in the soil. Early control is recommended. However, as seedlings are numerous and easy to miss, the best time to treat is in June and July when they are actively growing. A 1/2 % solution of chlorpyrifos and triclopyr provides good results. Newer chemistry provides other options.

For full details, contact the Sutton County Extension Office at 387-3101.

Research On Endangered African Species Transplanted To Texas Should Aid In Its Survival

UVALDE - How do you track dama gazelles across more than 20,000 acres of Texas range to gather insights to help ensure their survival here and in their native Africa?

To answer that question, Dr. Elizabeth Cary Mungall, science officer for the Second Ark Foundation and adjunct professor at Texas Woman's University, contacted Dr. Susan Cooper, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research wildlife scientist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde.

Last year, Cooper was asked by the foundation to provide her technical expertise, gained from tracking white-tailed deer in South Central Texas, to help track the movements of dama gazelle bucks roaming the Stevens Forest Ranch in West Texas.

"Here at the center, we have been using GPS tracking collars on white-tailed deer to conduct research on how their use of habitat changes in response to different land management practices, as well as their interaction with other animals, which is relevant in potential disease transfer," Cooper said. "We've fitted GPS collars on more than 100 animals for investigation purposes, including deer, cattle, raccoons, bobcats, coyotes and feral hogs."

She explained that the collars have a GPS unit built into the top and a battery box on the bottom, along with an antenna built into one side of the collar. On the other side there is a built-in timed drop-off unit that releases the collar automatically after a set time. "This eliminates the need to recapture the animal to retrieve the collar at the end of the study," Cooper said. "The transmitter collars are commercial tracking collars, but for the gazelle study the collars were colored so that each animal can be easily identified by its bright necklace."

The Uvalde center was able to provide five units for use in the dama gazelle research. The collars were programmed to record the location of the animal once every three hours for an entire year. Cooper and her team will overlay gazelle locations on maps showing terrain and soil types to help determine the habitats and likely vegetation dama gazelles prefer as they move across the range.

"We knew exotics were a departure from the lab's usual

routine, so we were glad to have a chance to explain the importance of GPS-collaring the dama gazelles here in Texas for the survival of this North African species," Mungall said. "We chose the bucks for collaring because they travel so widely and have been harder than the female groups to observe for extended periods of time. We want to find out where they go, when they go and how this relates to the seasons."

Mungall said the Second Ark Foundation and the Exotic Wildlife Association have been particularly interested in studying the dama gazelle in Texas. This is in part because this species has been more difficult to establish in the state than other exotics, such as the scimitar-horned oryx, which has a similar native habitat, and the Indian blackbuck antelope - a relative of the gazelle. The two organizations have been working closely to investigate dama gazelle basic biology and range use in Texas, including Mungall's year-long study that began last fall.

The dama gazelle is considered "critically endangered" on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List for Threatened Species, and recent estimates indicate only about 300 remain wild in their core habitat of the Sahel on the semi-desert southern fringe of the Sahara. While they once could be found in great numbers across northern Africa, they are now found only in isolated areas of the north central African countries of Chad, Mali and Niger. A 2011 account by individuals studying the species in Africa estimates only one or two populations there with enough dama gazelles - about 20 - to be self-sustaining.

However, Mungall said, there are currently about 800 dama gazelles roaming around Texas ranches.

"The dama gazelles in Texas are realistic candidates for reintroduction into their native areas as well as ideal safeguards against extinction in the wild, since all of them originally came from Africa" she said. "Once we learn how they use their range in Texas, we can apply this information to help the species both here and during any possible future restocking efforts to bring them back to their native African habitat. This data will help land managers better estimate breeding patterns and the population numbers that can be supported under various conditions."

To conduct her dama gazelle space-use research, Mungall contacted Stevens "Steve" Forest, owner of Stevens Forest Ranch near the West Texas town of Dryden, who agreed to let her and her team study his population of about 100 dama gazelles on his approximately 26,000-acre property.

Animal location and capture and collaring began in January. The bucks were captured by using a helicopter, flown by Forest himself, and a spotter with a tranquilizer gun.

To collar the animals for the study, Cooper and Shane Sieckenius, an AgriLife Research assistant, and Andrea Silva, an AgriLife Research technician, also from the Uvalde center, accompanied Mungall and her team to the ranch. Cooper and Sieckenius fitted the collared bucks with differently colored GPS collars, and other team members measured their horns to approximate the age and size of the buck. The bucks were then set loose to return to roaming the range as they normally would.

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Red Cross Response to Explosions in West, TX & Boston, MA plus Midwest Flooding

Kerrville, TX - April 21, 2013. The American Red Cross is helping people affected by the tragic explosion in Texas and providing relief to people in the Midwest whose communities are inundated with floodwaters. We're also still providing support in Boston.

The Red Cross is providing hope and comfort to the residents of West, Texas and the emergency workers who responded to the deadly explosion. As people are allowed to return home, the Red Cross is opening emergency aid stations in the neighborhoods to provide food, water, emotional support, health services and relief supplies. The Red Cross is also supporting a joint assistance center in collaboration with local officials to provide access to a variety of recovery resources for those affected. The Red Cross has provided nearly 250 blood products

to hospitals in the area to help the injured.

In the Midwest, more than 240 people spent Friday night in 26 Red Cross and community shelters where flooding has caused heavy damage. Workers are providing food, shelter, emotional support and health services to those affected. The Red Cross has additional volunteers, shelters and supplies on standby to support people forced from their homes by flood waters and we will be providing help for days to come.

Even after the end of the manhunt in Boston, there is work remaining. Red Cross workers are supporting a family assistance center in coordination with local officials. To date, more than 200 workers have served more than 14,000 meals and snacks, handed out hundreds of relief items like blankets and comfort kits and provided 1,300

mental health and health services to those in need. Earlier this week, Red Cross Blood Services provided about 550 blood products to several hospitals in the Boston area.

The Red Cross is providing comfort and hope across the nation. To support our efforts please make a donation to Red Cross Disaster Relief at redcross.org.

Right now the Red Cross has enough blood on hand to help patients in Texas and Boston. However, patients need blood every day and those who are eligible are strongly encouraged to schedule a donation appointment to give in the days and weeks ahead by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or visiting www.redcrossblood.org.

Those who want to make a donation to directly support the Boston Marathon bombing victims can visit www.onefundboston.org.

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and teach others to drill their own wells could. We knew all these things, but in meeting Terry and hearing WFA's vision we felt sure this was the direction our lives were to take.

Other than a couple of week-long mission trips just over the border into Mexico, neither Ronnie nor I had ever really been out of the country. We decided to go with our church, PaulAnn Baptist Church, on a mission trip to Guatemala to work in an orphanage. Following that week in Guatemala we took a week-long water well drilling course in Paint Rock. The water well drilling course was a training course offered by Water for All International (www.waterforallinternational.com) designed to teach missionaries and foreign nationals how to use appropriate technology to drill low-cost water wells for the rural poor. It was at this course that we saw the potential this simple technology offered for bringing

clean water to the poorest of the poor. We saw that the technology can work, the Water For All model for implementing this type of program works, and the need all over the third world was great. The only thing lacking was people to take this knowledge and go share it. We saw ourselves as those people.

We spent the next 6 months interning with Water For All. We spend six weeks in Bolivia training alongside Bolivians who has instituted this program and had already drilled over 2500 wells. We practiced drilling wells at my parent's home in Mereta, on our place in Concho County, at the Water For All facility in Paint Rock, and even a well for Fred Campbell near his home on the Concho River in Paint Rock. We practiced drilling, I quit my job at the experiment station, we began studying up on foreign cultures, began raising personal support, began selling off our prescribed burn business

equipment, paying off student loan debts, getting the necessary shots and vaccinations, getting visas, studying the Ite-so people (the tribe in Uganda that we work with), and really spending time reading our Bibles and in prayer. We were busy preparing to leave Texas and move to Uganda in East Africa. We had never been to Uganda and only knew what we had read on the internet. We didn't know what to expect, but we knew we had been called by God to go and so we needed to be obedient to His calling. We didn't know even what items to pack to take with us. I felt like books would be important and clothing was secondary. Ronnie felt that clothing was a must and personal hygiene was a close second. We filled one checked bag and one carry-on a piece, made last minute preparations, said our good-byes to family and headed to the airport.

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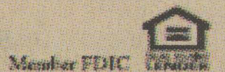
The American dream is alive and well and we would like to congratulate three of our newest naturalized citizens, Eduardo Rincon, Rosa Gutierrez, and Enrique Olmos Valadez for pursuing that dream.

By welcoming our new citizens, we also pay tribute to all Americans. You see, each and every one of us have roots leading back to immigrant forefathers searching for new and better ways of life. We believe that they came to the right place.

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