

**ERNIE AND MONOKA BROWN  
MISSIONARIES TO US HISPANICS**

*“Feliz Navidad y  
Prospero Año Nuevo”*

December 2023

Dear Pastor and Church,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Thank you all for the beautiful Christmas cards and monetary Christmas gifts. We are so blessed to be a part of your mission family. We are excited to share a little bit about the blessings in the churches and works in Ecuador. Sunday before Christmas Day they had a combined service with Guayllabamba, Checa and Chimbacalle of 250 people and then a meal together. From Pastor Luis' report they had a very special service and a wonderful time of fellowship around the table with delicious Ecuadorian food! The work in Checa has grown and they are trying to purchase the adjacent house and property next to where the church building is located. The former owner of this house was going to sell it to a very strong and vocal Charismatic church. So now the Mission at Checa is taking advantage of this sale and also prevent having a Charismatic church right next to them. Pray for Pastor Luis as he leads and the believers at Checa as they make this financial commitment. Also on a personal note Pastor Luis has a physical need that has returned and he needs your prayers regarding this. And a praise that his wife, Hermana Fabiola, with medication and diet has the diabetes under control at this time.

The work in Ohio continues. We are praying that God will work in the hearts of those who have received Christ and they would not only “talk the talk” of putting God first in their lives but “walk the walk” and be the testimony to their family and friends they should be. The year 2023 has given us some moments of sadness with Ernie's younger brother, Bill in April and his older sister, Peggy in Nov., both passing. And the fires that swept through Lahaina, Maui which took his older brother, Arza and wife Ruth's home and the church buildings of Grace Baptist Church. But the praise in these happenings is that both Bill and Peggy were believers so we have blessed hope in knowing we will be reunited again in Heaven! Also Arza and Ruth are ok and are now living in their own place. Their son, Mark and his family, lost their home also but are all well. They just recently found a place to live. It will be an adventure to see how God uses this situation for His glory. Many testimonies have already been shared of how God worked and is still working during this time!

We continue with the Internet Bible studies in Spanish and are happy to report that Julia found a fundamental church in Quebec to attend. They only have the service in French so since she is learning French as well as English she can glean and learn from the message. We were both sick over Christmas and New Year but are recovering slowly. Thank you all again for your faithfulness in prayers and finances!

Yours for Souls,

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