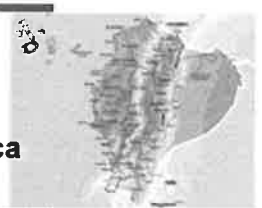




## **Tignor's Tracks** ***Following the Savior's Footsteps in Ecuador***



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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It is a blessing to look back over the past year and see how God has worked in and through our family and the church here. We look forward to seeing His handiwork in this coming year as well.

It appears that God is at work in the life of Carlos G. He made a profession of faith several years ago, but has become very sporadic in his attendance at church, and when I would speak with him of spiritual matters, he usually had some flippant remark or teasing quip. He often used the excuse of “work” to justify his lack of attendance, as so many do these days of financial difficulty. Or if he did not work on a particular Sunday (he has a small jeweler’s shop), he would declare that after a long week of labor he felt the need of mental relaxation, which he preferred to take in the form of a rousing game of soccer with many of his old drinking buddies. His wife, and we, had been praying for God to get a hold of his heart.

Two and a half weeks before Christmas, Carlos was stopped at his mother’s house for a short visit. He had just gotten off his motorcycle when a car (probably a drunk driver) struck and dragged him for a ways. The driver sped off, leaving Carlos bleeding and a crowd gathering to see what had happened. A trip to the hospital revealed multiple displaced fractures of both bones in his lower right leg, as well as several scrapes and bruises. A subsequent review of footage from the revolving “eagle eye” camera on the street failed to reveal any clues as to the identity of the hit-and-run driver.

With Christmas fast approaching, Carlos was immobile in a hospital bed, unable to work, play soccer, or do pretty much anything else besides read and think. He started reading his Bible and contemplating the things he read. The doctors immobilized his leg with metal rods as an external support, told him to return after the holidays for surgery to set the bone and install screws, and sent him home. The first Sunday he was home, he accompanied his family to church—crutches, metal support rods, and all. We sure were glad to see him! Carlos has expressed gratefulness that he lived through the accident, and has become much more appreciative of the “little blessings” of everyday life. We are praying for his physical recovery, but much more, for his spiritual return to the Lord in full force. Would you pray with us for Carlos?

Thank you so much for laboring with us through prayer, and for the financial investments you are making in the ministry here in Ecuador. You are making a difference for eternity! We appreciate you so much, and pray that God will richly bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Serving the Lord in Portoviejo, Ecuador,

Chris & Lois Tignor

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