



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



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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As we are winding down this year, things are getting very busy and we have much to be thankful about. One of the great blessings of this year was when in January we received a special offering from several of our supporting churches to purchase a used vehicle for our family. The Mazda pickup truck was just not big enough and the Lord laid it on our supporting churches heart to help us with a Hyundai H1 12 passenger van. Words cannot express our gratitude for the help that this has been for our family. The van is diesel instead of gasoline, and the savings each month in fuel bills is remarkable. The four-year-old van is running great, and we just wanted to express our thanks once again.

The earthquake happened over two years ago, but people are still trying to rebuild. I want to thank those that have been giving to that, and share how God has been using the sacrifice that you have been making. Nexar has three children, but his unsaved girlfriend decided to leave him and move to another province over two years ago. During the earthquake, he lost his house and moved into another one temporarily. With your help, we have been able to put up some brick walls, door, and plumbing to fix the house up. We are still lacking, and according to American standards, it is very rustic, but he is thrilled with the help. He wanted to let you know how grateful he is. His oldest son and youngest daughter is living with him. A prayer request is for Nexar's second son, who went to live with his mother. He had failed school last year, and the school called that he is likely to fail again this year. (The school year here will wind up in mid-January.) Please pray for wisdom, as his father is looking to apply for custody in order to help this situation.

Alexandra is heartbroken over her husband's lost condition. Pray that he will come for a Christmas special service. Three of her four children have attended at one time or another, and one daughter has made a profession of faith. Alexandra would absolutely love to see her home become a Christian one, but right now she is shining her light in the darkness. Pray that she would remain faithful to the Savior, and be encouraged that even though she may not see results, God IS working in the hearts of her family.

Plans are coming together for a special service for Christmas. We are planning to have a puppet show, with special music, and share the birth of Christ according to the Gospel of Luke. Pray that souls would be saved and Christ glorified. We are very busy making the puppets. It is a blessing to see the church people show up and help on this project.

Another ongoing project is being worked on by the men of the church, who are laboring together to close in the church property. There has been more and more theft (breaking and entering) especially this time of year, and we have seen the need to reinforce some of the barbed wire with some bamboo. A little bit odd, perhaps, for a church property in the States, but is relatively common for houses here in Ecuador in rural settings. The main reason that we chose bamboo is for economic reasons. We have had the men of the church come out for three Saturdays in a row to work. God is working in building His church in various aspects. Continue to pray for a spirit of unity.

Daniel, Martita, and Alexandra are all in discipleship classes. Pray that they will soon be ready to follow the Lord in Believe's Baptism. Pray for Patricia. Her husband is not saved, and they have both arrived from Venezuela due to the economic crisis of that country. She is pregnant with their first child. Pray that she will grow spiritually, and that her husband will be saved.

We have so much to be thankful for, and so much to pray about. Just wanted to let you know that we are getting closer to being able to build a house on the property. We want to thank you so much for those who have given to the house project. We are so grateful for your gracious generosity, and for your commitment to reaching the lost with the magnificent gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers! You are such an encouragement to us.

Serving the Lord in Portoviejo, Ecuador,

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