



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



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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We wrote earlier about Carlos G., whose leg was broken because of the hit-and-run driver. Although problems and delays left us shaking our heads in dismay at the inefficiency of the socialized medicine here, we knew God was ultimately in control. The surgeon finally operated on Carlos's broken leg—over **two months** following the accident. Both bones in the lower leg were broken and displaced; however, the doctor opted to put rods in only one, and leave the smaller bone as it was. He told Carlos that the leg would always have a lump in it, but that the displaced bones would eventually heal together. We pray that that will be the case. Carlos continues to come to church. We praise the Lord for what He is doing in his life!

We are grateful to the Lord for His hand of protection on our vehicle. A friend was running an errand for me not long ago, and a car was coming toward him in the middle of the lane. In order to avoid the thoughtless driver, my friend swerved into a parking lot without realizing the post was there until he heard the crunching sound. We are so thankful that he did not hit the other car, as that would have created a big legal mess. Although the passenger doors were scraped and crumpled, the glass did not break, and no one was injured. The vehicle was still drivable, and we got it to the workshop of a member of our church who does car body work. Together he and I have been working on restoring the damaged portions. After a few more tweaks and a paint job, the car should be back to its original condition.

At first we were tempted to ask, "Why did God allow this accident to happen?" We did not have to wait very long for an answer. Since I was without a vehicle, I called on the services of a taxi driver to chauffeur me around town and back and forth to the body shop. Byron and I got to talking, and he ended up praying with me to ask Jesus to save him from sin. Another name was written down in Glory!

That Sunday, I called Byron up again and asked him to bring *two* taxis to take our family of seven to church. When we arrived at the church property twenty minutes later, my wife had a story to tell: "I told Jorge [her driver] I had a rather odd question for him, and he motioned for me to go ahead and ask. So I said, 'Do you know the way to get to heaven?' He thought a minute, then admitted that he didn't. When I asked if he would like to know the way, he soberly said, 'Yes, I would.' I shared the gospel with him, we talked about it for a bit, and as we were nearing our destination, I asked if he would like to accept Christ as Savior right then. 'Yes, I would,' he replied. So as we came to a stop, I led Jorge in the sinner's prayer." Please pray for these two taxi drivers to grow in the Lord.

We would like to ask for prayer as we plan our return to the States for a year's furlough. We need strength and wisdom, because presently we do not know who will be guiding the church here during our absence. This uncertainty, along with knowing that "furlough" is usually more physically taxing than everyday life on the field, tempts us to want to simply stay put. (Just being real!) Our plans are to travel to the States in July. Thank you so much for praying with and for us! Your commitment to God's work here in Ecuador is such a blessing to us. We appreciate you!

Serving the Lord in Portoviejo, Ecuador,

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