



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



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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The Lord is continuing to work here in Portoviejo as we allow Him to use us. It is exciting to see what He can do with believers who are committed to Him.

One Sunday after church, a group of us picked up some rolls and water and went to a local park for a quick lunch. The plan was to eat and then get back in the car and go knocking on doors. When my wife finished eating, she realized that some of the others were still going to be a few minutes, so she decided to go talk to the lady tending a nearby ice cream kiosk. While she was in the middle of her presenting the gospel, several people came up wanting to purchase a frozen treat, so Lois backed away to wait.

While she was waiting, a lady with two young daughters approached her and asked, "Excuse me, are you a Jehovah's Witness?" Lois responded with a smile, "No, I believe the Bible and try to follow what it says." "Oh, good," the lady replied, "I really like to talk with people about God and the Bible." Lois lost no time in introducing herself, and asked if she could share God's message of salvation with the lady, whose name was Alexandra. She readily agreed, and they found a nearby bench to sit and talk. Lois could see that Alexandra was emotionally distraught, and gently shared with her the glorious message of God's love and His offer of salvation from our sin. When she asked Alexandra if she wished to give her life to Christ and accept His cleansing, she responded, "Yes, I do." They prayed together, and Alexandra became a new creature in Christ.

They chatted a few more minutes, and Alexandra shared a story of pain and despair in her home life. She had left the house with her two youngest children that morning, not planning to return. A friend had driven them to this park, since it was a place where the kids could play for free, and Alexandra had been wandering around for a couple of hours wondering where they were going to go and how she would manage. She noticed a *gringa* (white lady) talking to another girl, with such joy and peace on her face, and she thought perhaps this lady could help her to find hope. She approached my wife, and was introduced to the Prince of Peace. Lois encouraged Alexandra to return home, because although she felt unloved, her older children needed her as much as the two little girls accompanying her. And now that she had Jesus, she could be a light in the darkness of her home. They prayed together again, and Lois gave Alexandra her phone number, encouraging her to call if she felt the need to do so.

Since then, Alexandra has called almost daily, asking Lois questions about this or that. "She's making it really easy for me to disciple her!" Lois says. Alexandra rides the bus for about 45 minutes to get to church, and is eager to learn about her Savior and share Him with others. While visiting her ailing father in Guayaquil (3 hours away) for several days, she encountered opposition in the form of unexplainable noises, shadows, and a heavy sense of pervading evil. (Several siblings are involved in drugs.) When she returned home to Portoviejo, the strange noises followed her, and she called seeking counsel. When my wife asked, she found out that a stuffed toy (which Alexandra didn't like for reasons she couldn't distinguish) had been given to her daughter. They both agreed the toy should be destroyed, and after it was burned, the noises vanished. We were reminded that the enemy of our souls is alive and well, and intent on destroying us in any way he can. Praise the Lord for His loving protection! Please pray for Alexandra, and for the salvation of her husband (who heard the gospel but rejected it) and four children.

Thank you so much for your prayers for us and for this ministry. God is working because of your faithfulness. We so much appreciate your financial support and your constant prayers. Only eternity will reveal the impact of your commitment to reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.

Serving the Lord in Portoviejo, Ecuador,

Chris & Lois Tignor

Children: Elisabeth, James, Grace, Christina, and Daniel

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