



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



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Many years ago, before we moved to Portoviejo, I had the honor of teaching a couple of courses at the Bible Institute in Santo Domingo. One of my students was a bright, dedicated young man named Raúl Quijije. After he finished his course of study, he served in the ministry of various churches in Ecuador. Several years ago, Raúl was called to pastor the church in Buena Fe. Under his leadership, the church has grown and is reaching the surrounding community for Jesus Christ.

Earlier in the year, Pastor Raúl approached me about speaking at some special meetings he was planning in Buena Fe for their church anniversary weekend. I agreed, and we made plans to have a native missionary our church supports come to Portoviejo for that weekend to cover pulpit supply. They would stay in our house while we were gone to Buena Fe. The special weekend arrived, and I went to the bus station to pick them up the morning we were to leave. We had a few hours of sweet fellowship before it was time for us to get on the road.

The anniversary conference was a blessing. God challenged our hearts through the preaching of His Word, and we enjoyed a refreshing time of fellowship with the believers there. Although many of my family were sick with bad colds, they all appreciated the time away from the "daily grind" as well.

We praise the Lord for the protection that He gives as you pray for us. The first part of August, Lois was burned rather severely on her face, arms, and hands due to the explosive ignition of a malfunctioning gas stove. While it was bad, it could have been much, much worse. Many of you prayed for God's healing, and He heard and answered. A week and a half after the accident, her face was almost back to normal—an astounding recovery given the severity of the burns. Her arms still have faint marks, but they are fading.

Alexandra, who was saved in May, has continued to grow in the Lord. She is sharing her testimony with friends and loved ones whenever she has the opportunity. Not long ago a sister of hers came to visit along with her boyfriend and several of her children. Alexandra convinced them to accompany her to church on Sunday, and they nearly filled two pews! I am teaching through a series of messages on Putting Down Roots for the Believer, and that Sunday's lesson centered on the Person of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. Alexandra's sister Deisi and her boyfriend Gabriel listened intently during both Sunday school and the morning worship service.

At the close of the service, although neither responded during the invitation, Deisi asked her sister to call my wife over. Deisi asked, "Could you tell me how to do what the pastor was saying? You know, about getting Jesus to save you and give you eternal life?" Joyfully, Lois went through the plan of salvation with her. Gabriel sat there listening intently. Lois asked Deisi if she wanted to be saved from her sin, and at her affirmative response, she led Deisi in a prayer for salvation. She then asked Deisi if she had prayed it from the heart. Deisi responded, "Yes!" Gabriel added, "I did, too!" A couple of minutes later, Lois asked Alexandra's 10-year-old daughter if she wanted to accept the Lord as well, and she nodded earnestly. The angels were rejoicing that Sunday as three new names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life! Please pray for these new believers to grow in knowledge and in the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. God is using your investments here for eternal gain!

Serving the Lord in Portoviejo, Ecuador,

Chris & Lois Tignor

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

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