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among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

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Ministry Center Update:

God has been good!! The Ministry Center will basically be complete within the next two weeks! We have hit every snag possible during construction, but the Lord has worked all things out in His perfect timing. Because of your generous offerings, the land was purchased, the materials were moved from the old property to the new property, the building has been built, all of the legal paperwork is completed, and the protective wall around the property is now being constructed! Thank you so much!

Needs for the Ministry Center:

As mentioned in our last update, we were in urgent need of building a protective wall around the property (something that we did not think would be necessary in the beginning). The Lord has provided the needed funds for the wall through very generous brothers and sisters in Christ! The back wall is complete, and the two side walls will be under way soon as we work out the details with the owners of the adjacent properties. We would appreciate your prayers for the process of building the remaining three walls. As mentioned, the funds have been provided, but there is legal paperwork that must be done to ensure the longterm peace between neighbors. Once the paperwork is complete (possibly within a few more weeks), we will begin construction on the two side walls.

In the mean time, since the building is nearing completion, we have a special project that we need to complete. On top of building the protective wall, we also need to put protective bars on all of the windows and doors (since the building is all on ground level). We thought the wall would provide enough protection, but the local authorities have recommended that we put the bars on the windows and doors as soon as possible. This is another expense that we were not planning for, but we know that the Lord will provide. The contractor who built the windows has offered to build to protective bars, as well. The cost for the protective bars will be \$5,000.00. Please let us know if the Lord leads

Mission Teams:

The Lord has blessed us with two outstanding work teams from the USA in the past month. The first team put most of the roof on the building, ran electrical work, painted, helped build the back protective wall, and worked on several other construction projects; the second team focused on completing finish work inside of the building (grouting, painting, etc.). Both groups were a blessing to our family and ministry!!

Ministry Continues:

The Lord has kept us busy with the construction and the groups, but ministry is still at the heart of everything we do! The Bible Institute continues to study theology on Saturdays and Hermeneutics on Thursdays. Our church plant is nearing the end of a two year study of the storyline of the Bible. We have devoted our midweeks services over the past three months to evangelism training. Also, in December we finished a year-long discipleship journey with a group of key leaders in our church. These leaders are now our Sunday school teachers. We launched Sunday school three weeks ago, and we have seen great success so far. Speaking of these leaders, please keep two ladies from our church in your prayers. They are both teachers, and they both gave birth within two days of each other! It has been such a joy for our church to celebrate the births of two baby boys from two of our faithful ladies.



Roof is on and windows have been installed. Now just awaiting the doors and some other finishing touches.

 $Thank \ you \ so \ much \ for \ your \ support!$

Serving Him Together, Will and Laura



The second team shared a special in song with our church family.



The first team took a break from the work to spend an evening with our church family.