



CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

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House of Prayer Baptist Church: We continue our study through the Bible's "Big Story" in our church on Sunday mornings. We decided to cover 100 stories from God's Word over a two-year time span. Currently, we are 79 stories into our study! Last Sunday we studied Christ's Ascension, and next week we will begin to study the times of the early church. We plan to spend about 10 weeks studying the church and then about 10 weeks focused on future events. Our adults, young people, and children are all studying this material together, and they are all growing through this study. We have also been on a year-long discipleship journey with a group of key people in the church. Laura has led the ladies' group and I have led the men's group. During this year of discipleship, we have seen some members that we thought were strong in the faith (ones that we really expected to grow) simply fall by the way side. However, there are others that entered this time of discipleship either new in the faith or spiritually stagnant that have grown incredibly this year and are now moving in the direction of serving in the church and discipling others! We praise the Lord for what He has done this year, and we request your prayers as we begin the process of entrusting ministries in the church to these growing believers.

Pastor's School: For this semester and the coming one, we have decided to open our Bible Institute to any growing believer from the surrounding churches. We are focusing our studies on theology this semester and the next, and we have had several new believers that are constantly asking theological questions. We believed that these theological studies would be good for them. Therefore, instead of only the small group of pastors in training that are usually involved in the Pastor's School, we currently have a group of ten students studying theology together. The few men who are pastors in training (specifically Bryan,

Samuel, and David) are given a theological question during the week that they must answer publicly for the class before each session begins. This has been a great challenge for the men, but also a great encouragement for the entire class.

New Ministry Center Construction: Our last few ministry updates have been all about the construction of the new Ministry Center, and we are pleased to update you on the process. **First**, we would like to thank every one for your generous offerings, your prayers, and your words of encouragement through this process. The move out of the village (although we only moved 5 minutes away), the dismantling of the previous Ministry Center, and the beginning of construction on the new Ministry Center has proven to be one of the most difficult seasons of our life and ministry. Your generous offerings and prayers made the entire process possible, and your prayers and encouraging words sustained our family more than you will ever know. **Second**, God has miraculously provided everything needed to complete Phase 1 of this process, which entailed purchasing the new property, dismantling the previous Ministry Center, and finishing the first of two planned buildings on the new property. The property is purchased and the title deed is in hand, the materials from the previous Ministry Center are all on the new property, and the foundation is poured and the walls are already going up on the first building. This all happened so fast that there is no other explanation apart from the hand of God at work! **Lastly**, we would ask that you continue praying with us about beginning and completing Phase 2 of the project as soon as possible. Phase 2 includes the construction of the second building, the construction of a protective wall around the property, and putting together a sports area on the property, which will greatly expand the opportunities to use this property for the longterm future of the Kichwa ministry. While the first building provides a home for our family to live on the property; a place for visiting missionaries and small groups to stay; and areas for small-scale teaching, conferences, meals, etc., the second building is designed to host larger groups. Most importantly, the second building will allow us to host larger conferences and it will provide larger teaching spaces (including a library) for the Bible Institute and Pastor's School. We appreciate your prayers for Phase 2 of the project!

Thank you so much for your support!

Serving Him Together,
Will and Laura