



CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!:

Christmas is a beautiful time in Ecuador and we love celebrating down here! The only disadvantage is that we are not with our families. But, this year was different! Laura's parents decided to surprise us and come down to visit us for the week of Christmas. We had a great time celebrating together!

We want to thank each and every one of you for the sacrifices that you made for our family during the Christmas season. Many of you sent special offerings for Christmas and made it possible for us to buy Christmas gifts for our family.

Pastoral Training

We are currently studying "The Pastor's Soul" in our pastoral training program. In this section of study we are focusing on the spiritual, emotional, and physical life of the pastor. Please keep praying for these men.

In our last update we mentioned an opportunity that we had to be able to train a new group of aspiring pastors during 2026 in a town about an hour from the ministry center. Those details are coming together, and it looks like we will have another 15 men studying with us this year.

We also just confirmed plans with a church in the USA that has offered to send a team down to Ecuador later this year in order to put together our first regional Pastors' Conference. We have dreamed of doing this for a long time, but it would be too much for our family to be able to handle on our own. Please pray for us and for the team as we work out those details.



Christmas Outreach:

In one of our church plants, the members decided to work together in order to raise funds so we could purchase Christmas candy bags (similar to how we do stockings in America) to share with our village and with neighboring communities. We raised \$400 (!!!!), which was enough to put together almost 400 bags Christmas bags. We put together the bags ourselves so that we could put a gospel tract in every bag. With these bags, we were able to do an outreach in our church and for our village; we also went house to house giving out bags in one of the neighboring communities. Then, we went to an unreached village that is about 30 minutes away from our church. We have connections in that village because a young lady in our church received Christ last year and she is originally from there. The president of the village welcomed us with open arms, gave us a large building to meet in, invited the entire village to attend the outreach, and gave us complete freedom to present the Gospel and to sing songs. The men and women of the church led the service of singing, Bible reading, and prayer. Then, I finished with a Gospel presentation. This was possibly the first time ever (or at least in 20-30 years) that the Gospel has been proclaimed publicly in that village. Pray with us for fruit!

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WhatsApp:

We have created a group on WhatsApp for periodic ministry updates since we do not use any social media except YouTube. If you have WhatsApp and if you'd like to receive these updates, please let me know via email.

We are so thankful for you!

Serving Him Together,
Will and Laura