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CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

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Back in Ecuador!:

Our furlough came to a rough end due to political unrest in Ecuador. The protesting and rioting that took place in the area where we live made it impossible for us to return home on the date we had planned. The protesting continued for an entire month, which is much longer than normal. Our family had to wait stateside until the protests ended. Thankfully, on October 22, an agreement was reached between the two parties, and the protesting came to an abrupt end. We were able to purchase tickets and return to Ecuador the following week. When we returned to Ecuador, we found our church buildings and the ministry property all unharmed. There are still many evidences of the extremity of these protests all around the area where we live, with debris still piled up from when the roads were completely blocked. But, more than anything, we found our people deeply hurt and discouraged by everything that happened. We work and live with the indigenous people of Ecuador, and they were the ones responsible for initiating the protests. The protests are a result of the fact that our people feel deeply hurt, which comes from a sense of being ignored and oppressed by the government. In the end, the protesting ended without anything truly being accomplished by the indigenous groups. During the time of protests, some people took advantage of the situation and caused serious damage by rioting and looting. This caused a great divide among the people of Ecuador. If anything, the month of protesting has only deepened the

division that already existed in Ecuador among different ethnic groups. Please pray with and for us that God would give us wisdom to be salt and light in a very difficult and unstable time.

The Ministry Continues:

Our ministry picked up right where it left off, but with a lot of catching up to do! In our first three weeks in Ecuador, I have preached and taught almost 20 times and we've had meetings for evangelism, discipleship, and counseling with more people than we can remember. Laura has started homeschool with Levi and has also been quite busy in ministry. We have been running almost nonstop! Our pace has been more than we can keep up with and more than we can sustain over an extended period of time. So, please pray with us as we try to settle back in and seek to balance our life, ministry, health, and family.

Even though Thanksgiving isn't celebrated in Ecuador, we always make it a big deal in our home! So, we are hoping to rest a little this week, enjoy the holiday with our family, and celebrate all of the Lord's blessings in our life.

Pastoral Training:

Our Bible Institute specifically for pastoral preparation is back in session. We meet weekly on Tuesday nights via zoom and monthly on the ministry property. This Sunday we have our monthly meeting. We will have approximately 15-20 men in the class, and we will be studying the Lord's Supper, specifically what it means theologically and how to prepare and lead it practically. On Tuesday nights we are studying the five essential elements of a Christian church service: 1. Read the Word, 2. Pray the Word, 3. Sing the Word, 4. Preach the Word, 5. See the Word (Baptism and the Lord's Supper).

Please keep another opportunity in your prayers. A local church about an hour from the ministry property asked us to take a year and teach some of their men pastoral ministry, as well. We are praying about that opportunity!

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 made it to the Quito airport!



Here we were heading home after our first church service back in Ecuador. A bull on a rope crossed in front of us and his rope got caught up in the axle! Welcome back to Kichwa ministry :)!!



Back with the newest church plant in San Clemente!

Happy Thanksgiving! We are so thankful for you!

Serving Him Together,
Will and Laura