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# *The Morris* Family to the people of *Ecuador*

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Dear pastors and praying friends,

Thank you for taking the time to pray for us during the last months of 2024. We have seen the Lord answer many prayer requests from the last prayer letter. As mentioned in our last letter, we were having severe droughts leading to government-initiated power outages, which caused many challenges which included our work as well as not having running water. However, as we also looked to purchase a generator, we did receive the necessary funds to purchase one which we have already put to much use. We praise the Lord for this and are thankful to those who helped us purchase the generator. We praise the Lord, as for now the droughts have ended. As the rainy season picks up, we know at some point we may be back in a drought as well as random weekly power outages which we truly appreciate having a generator available for these times.

During November and December many around here began to get festive with decorations and we also saw scenes of the manger with a baby Jesus at shopping malls. With all the festivities we were reminded what people need here in Ecuador and around the globe. Number one is salvation which Jesus provides because He came and was born to be our Savior. In the month of November we had a prospective future missionary visit from Tennessee and speak in one of our Sunday morning services. Brother Ryder and his family were able to stay in our area a few days as they are planning to someday come and work in the city of Cuenca. Please pray for this family. As I've mentioned before, here in Milagro it is a slow process to get people disciplined and involved in the church. We will continue to reach out to David, and Derían who were both recently saved and need to grow in the Lord. Work schedules here usually are not set and therefore it's very difficult to pencil in a set time for discipleship. I would ask that you continue to pray for a time of discipleship to start with these young men. Edgar and I are still doing discipleship once a month as his schedule allows. Please pray for his spiritual growth as well.

Brother Darwin and I were able to continue a time of discipleship with Rody in his house. Also, he has now been coming to church services for going on a month now. He comes in his wheelchair due to his feebleness caused by stage 4 cancer. Regardless of his physical condition, he has seemed quite positive now that he is with his whole family at church. We had prayed for him for a long time. For over a year he was unwilling to meet with us regarding his spiritual needs, but the Lord has really changed his life and heart over this last year. Praise God!

As our final Sunday morning service concluded for 2024, we had a time of outreach and then a time of fellowship. It was a blessing for us and many in attendance to go out as a church to invite and share the Gospel. We thank the Lord for the turn out but pray for a more regular turn out on Saturday outreach in 2025. As we start the New Year, we are praying for more souls to be saved and disciplined but also for more help from the men in the church. We ask any of you that believe the Lord is calling you to missions in a Spanish speaking country to pray and consider coming and helping here in the Lord's work. We plan to continue these next two months discipling others, continuing English classes, outreach and proclaiming the Word of God in our services every week.

Sincerely,

*Keith, Mandy, Cecilia, Klarah and Isalah Morris*

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## Prayer Requests

**For Salvation:** Paulette, Jeremy, Alejandro, Rosa, Isabela, Amanda, and many which we've talked with that live in the neighborhoods surrounding our church

**Other needs:** Outreach future events/ Continuing to become more fluent in Spanish for our entire family / Maria and her new ministry to help with the deaf in Milagro/ Homeschool for Ceci, Isaiah & Klarah / Bro. Darwin-his studies and preparations/ Souls to be saved!!/Newly saved to commit to discipleship/Rody as he begins to be treated for cancer

**Praises:** /Visitors in services! /Rody has been coming to church and has made his relationship right with the Lord after years of praying for him! / Rain and generator/ All church Sunday outreach went well!



This was after the last Sunday morning service in 2024 with Rody, there were also around 5 more that participated that are not pictured.



These are a few of our attendees on our all-church outreach. There were others on the next streets over.



Generator arrived at our home! Thank you to those who gave for this need!