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The Morris Family to the people of *Ecuador*

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Dear pastors and praying friends,

It seems there are always a few months out of the year that fly by quicker than others. It certainly felt like May and especially June flew by quickly as we saw many visitors and some guests pastors from other churches here in Ecuador.

As May commenced, we started Saturday May 4 with a special teen activity and a special speaker from a Baptist church in Guayaquil. On Sunday we began to hold Sunday School classes with Bro. Marco Malán who spoke Saturday, taught a teen class. We also had a guest national pastor who spoke in the adult Sunday School and preached the message in the service that followed.

Also, during May we had some special visitors who came and spoke. First, we had veteran missionaries Richard and Anna Hurst that were in Ecuador for almost 30 years but just left to return to the states permanently. We appreciate their committed and faithful example of service as missionaries for that many years. We also had the Rondón family who are church planting missionaries to Ecuador come in and speak. Brother Jean Carlos Rondón from Venezuela has been living in a city in the mountains here in Ecuador but now is called to plant a church or perhaps take over a church. We enjoyed their time here and his challenges from the Word of God. We are praying and have expressed interest to brother Jean Carlos about him taking over here as the permanent pastor if God so leads in that direction.

As June rolled in, we hosted a missionary who came for a survey trip as the Lord has called him to serve here in Ecuador. We enjoyed our time with brother Ryan Powers, and he was able to see the ministry here and other places within a few hours of Milagro. Brother Ryan is hoping to come back within a year with his wife and young son. Please be in prayer for the Powers family as they continue on deputation.

As June continued, we had more time to meet with Daniel and Ruth, the two siblings that are teenagers who have been wanting to get baptized. After spending time with them, it became clearer to them that they did place their faith in Christ in another church they were in before with their parents. They expressed their desire to follow through in obedience with baptism and along with them, my son Isalah and another young lady who testified of receiving Christ by faith in January. We held a time of baptisms after service on Sunday June 23rd.

As June ended, we held a celebration Sunday June 30th, celebrating 5 years exactly to the date when the first service was held with the former missionary that planted the church in 2019. We had a guest national pastor from Guayaquil come and preach and following the service we enjoyed a lunch on the church grounds.

Thank you again for your prayers and support! We could not do what we are doing in Ecuador without you. May God Bless you and your ministries this year, we are praying for you as you reach your part of the world!

Sincerely,

Keith, Mandy, Cecilia, Klarah and Isalah Morris



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Prayer Requests

For Salvation: Paulette, Danny's family, Jeremy, Alejandro, Rosa, Rodi, Isabela, Amanda

Other needs: Discipleship of prospective members/ Continuing to become more fluent in Spanish for our entire family / Sign language interpreters to be able to help during the service and possible deaf ministry expansion/ Outreach and evangelistic efforts to be fruitful/ Homeschool for Ceci, Isalah & Klarah/ Bro. Jean Carlos, Bro. Ryan Powers deputation, Bro. Micheal G.-freshman in Bible college feeling called to serve in Ecuador, Bro. Darwin-his studies and preparations/ Souls to be saved!!/Registration of our church,Mandy-renewing her driver's license, obtaining her Ecuadorian I.D card

Praises: 4 people baptized /Visitors in services! / Keith received his Ecuadorian I.D. card and driver's license/Our neighbor Allan has testified of being saved and got baptized in his church (similar doctrines as Baptist)



Baptisms on June 23rd



Daniel, Ruth and family



Rondón Family and our family



The Hursts with us



Bro and Missionary Ryan Powers