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The Last Decade: It is hard to believe that in 2010 we were finishing deputation, getting lots of paperwork in order, welcoming our second son into the world, Levi, and leaving for the mission field. Ten years ago we had a calling and a burden to take the Gospel to the Kichwa people in northern

2019 Family Photo

Ecuador. The Lord allowed us to receive a great theological education, practical missionary training, and He gave us the most incredible group of supporters to send us on His mission.



2011 Prayer Card

However, along with all that God had given us, we still had two major questions in our minds: **1**. How would we ever find the Kichwa people? **2**. How would we ever be accepted by them? We honestly had no clue how these two questions would be answered. We didn't understand how God would work all of this out, but we were confident that He would do it, for His glory. The last ten years give testimony to God's goodness and provision, as He worked just as He promised. He began a good work, and He alone is completing the work. Everything happening in Kichwa ministry right now is a result of God answering prayers and opening doors.

2020 Plans: What will the next ten years look like? Honestly, we do not know. But, we are certain that the next ten years will be filled with His goodness and provision, just like the

last ten years. For now, we will trust Him, and we will continue to make disciples that go forth and make more disciples among the precious Kichwa people. God willing we will continue planting churches in unreached Kichwa villages, we will continue to evangelize, we will continue to pour our lives into Kichwa believers through relational discipleship, we will continue to train leaders, and we will continue to leave the results up to Him. After all, it is still His work and not ours.

Prayers for 2020: We ask that you specifically pray for three important things that will be going on this year. 1. House of Prayer Baptist Church. Please pray for the newest church plant. Laura has poured her life into the children of the village for the last year and a half. Now, we have several believers that want to help with the children's ministry. So, we will be starting a children's Bible club that Laura and I will be leading, with the help of several other Kichwa leaders. The church is also in the process of looking for land to build a small church building (churches meeting in homes for an extended period of time is not acceptable in this culture). Also, we recently began midweek services and we are placing a large emphasis on Bible reading this year. 2. Discipleship. Please pray specifically for Elvis, Daniel, Carlos, Angel, Wilson, Yuli, and Vivi, all of which are involved in ongoing discipling relationships with Laura and me. 3. Residency Visas. As many of you know, October through December was a very trying time for our family and ministry. But, during those difficult days, the Lord sent encouragement our way exactly when we needed it most. One of the highlights of His provision during this time was when two of our supporting churches stepped up and completely provided the financial needs for our residency visas. We hadn't even mentioned the need to our supporters, and yet God had already provided! We began the visa process about six months ago, and will continue the process over the next three months. If granted, these will be lifetime residency visas. Please pray with us.

Thank you so much for your support!

Serving Him Together, Will and Laura