



CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

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The Lockdown Continues: Ecuador continues with lockdown; however, it is a little more lenient now. Laura and the boys were able to leave the house for the first time in June (*after 93 days*). For now, we are allowed to go to town up to three times per week. Because of the lockdown, the spread of the virus was greatly hindered; however, it continues to spread and is currently very active in the village where we live. However, for the most part, our people are handling the virus quite well. Please specifically be in prayer for one of our leaders (*Ángel*) as he and his family are dealing with the virus this week.

Exciting News for the Church Plant: When we began House of Prayer Baptist Church, we started teaching and preaching on the first page of the Bible. Last Sunday, we made it to the final page! We have slowly and systematically walked our people through the main events of the Bible story to help them see God's big plan of redemption. There are few things as exciting and fulfilling as teaching God's Word to those who are hearing it for the first time. We are so very thankful for the souls that have been saved and for the foundation that has been laid for this church. Our goal from the beginning was to give this church a solid, Biblical foundation upon which we (and a future Kichwa pastor) could build. **Also, the church has finally been given the opportunity to secure a permanent location!** When we began, we met for six months in a field, and now for the past 18 months in a home that is under construction. As the home nears completion, we must find a new location (*which is very difficult in a village setting*). However, after months of planning and praying, we have decided to build a church building on the second floor of the home where we have been meeting. Constructing the church building on the second floor frees us from legal issues, saves us tens of thousands of dollars, and keeps us from taking up precious land (*which is the only*

source of income for many of our people). It also provides us with much needed security for the property, which is very important here. **The greatest blessing is that this building will only cost us a few thousand dollars to build. This money will provide the church with a longterm location with electricity and water (something that would have been very difficult if built independently), an auditorium for approximately 60 people, three Sunday School classrooms, and a bathroom.** Another blessing is that it should only take us about a month to build because many of our people are skilled in construction. We have already received two special offerings that will be put towards the construction of the new building. Our people are also praying, saving offerings, and trusting God for the rest. We would love to be able to bless this church with a special offering to be able to buy more of the construction materials to help them finally have a permanent location. If the Lord leads you to help in this way and be a part of this project, you can send a special offering to our mission agency and we will get the money to the church.

Residency Visas: We were able to reinstate the visa process about 3 weeks ago and we are still waiting to hear the results. Please pray that this process moves quickly and smoothly.

Thank you so much for your support!

Serving Him Together,
Will and Laura

