



# CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

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**House of Prayer Baptist Church:** The new Kichwa church plant has been blessed by God in a special way! Three precious souls have received Christ over the last couple of months, several are preparing for our first baptism service in July, the Word of God is being proclaimed weekly, and more and more people are showing interest in attending the church and hearing the message of the Gospel. One elderly Kichwa lady, Mamita Margarita, told us a few months ago that she had decided to put away her idols because of the stories that we had shared about creation, the flood, Abraham, and Isaac. As we moved through the Old Testament and the stories of Moses and the plagues in Egypt, the village had an extreme hail storm that ruined the crops. Mamita Margarita immediately realized that the God that caused the plagues in Egypt is the same God that allowed the hail to fall in her village (*which she announced to her village leaders!*). A week later, she placed her faith in Christ after we presented Him as God's perfect sacrifice that the Old Testament is pointing toward!

**Ministry Internships:** Vivi, the young lady that we asked you to pray for in our last update, is really growing in her relationship with the Lord and in His

ministry. We, through the council of our leadership, decided to offer her a year long internship working with our family. We meet with her each week for discipleship and spiritual growth; she is reading good Christian books each month, she ministers in the new church plant by teaching a class of teen girls; she is also beginning to invest in those girls by meeting with them throughout the week. Vivi helps us in the administration of the church, and in many other ways. She has already been an incredible blessing to our ministry and we are excited about God's plans for her! Also, please be praying for a young lady named Haley, from North Carolina. Haley came down on a mission trip with her church a few years ago, and then returned last year for a short time. This year, she is returning again to spend a month with us in order to help us in the ministry, to learn more about missions, and to help us with our summer mission team. Please keep Haley and Vivi in your prayers!

**Prayer Requests:** Please continue to pray for Vivi in her ministry internship with us this year and for Haley over the summer. Thank you for praying with us about our visas. We met with the lawyer, and we were able to begin the long process of changing our current missionary visas. There is currently an opportunity for us to switch over to a permanent visa instead! The only problem is that it will cost several thousand dollars to apply for this visa. We will need the money by early next year; please pray for God's special provision! Thank you for praying for the Kichwa church in the main village; in the past two months we have seen incredible growth and opportunities. Please keep praying! The church has a long way to go; but, they are starting down the right path!

Thank you so much for your support!

Serving Him Together,  
Will and Laura