

CHURCH-PLANTING MISSIONARIES

among Andean Kichwa villages in Northern Ecuador

We stand amazed at what God is doing in the Kichwa ministry. Right now doors are being opened in new, un-evangelized villages, people are being saved, baptized, and discipled, those people are reaching others, lives are being changed, churches are being planted. We have young men training for pastoral ministry, and new believers training for service in the local church. We praise God for what He is doing among the Kichwa people.

However, all of this ministry growth necessitates physical growth, as well. The hub for our ministry and home for our family is a small ministry center that we built in a Kichwa village several years ago. That ministry center is now at full capacity. Also, as many of you know, the land where this ministry center is located was donated to us by a dear brother in Christ. We were working diligently with him to obtain the deed for the land where we are currently located; however, Christ chose to call him home in 2019 and it is now impossible for us to complete that process. Therefore, we can no longer obtain the deed for this property.

Because of our inability to obtain the deed for the land, we cannot expand the ministry center to make room for the growth that is taking place, nor can we secure the current ministry center building for the future of the Kichwa ministry. We believe God has much more in store for reaching the Kichwa people, and, after much counsel and prayer, we strongly feel God leading us to prepare for His continued blessings and growth of His work among the Kichwa.

Therefore, we are asking for your prayers and generous involvement. We are excited to announce that it is time to purchase a property and to expand the Kichwa ministry, all for God's glory. We currently have a property that the Lord has led us to that will enable us to expand the work. This property is centrally located, just off the main road that connects all of the Kichwa villages where we are currently working.

We feel God leading us to move forward in two phases.

Phase 1 of the project is extremely urgent and will require approximately \$120k. This will: purchase the new property, cover all legal fees, prepare drawings for the new buildings, prepare the land for building, build a protective wall around the property, build a small home for our family, provide accommodations for other missionaries that travel into the villages to work with us in the ministry, provide accommodations for future missionary interns, as well as provide us with a gathering space for ministry functions. As another part of this phase, we will also dismantle the current ministry center and move all the usable material to the new property. It is urgent that we complete Phase 1 as soon as possible.

Phase 2 of the project will require approximately \$30k. In this phase, using all the material possible from the previous ministry center, we plan to build brand new bunk rooms for missions teams and other overnight gatherings, such as Pastors' Retreats. The bunk rooms can double as classrooms for ministry training and discipleship. We will build bathrooms and a kitchen, a library, and a conference room for the Bible institute; this new conference room could even double as a small church building as God opens the doors for new church plants. Phase 2 will also allow our ministry to offer occasional medical missions clinics directly on the property, and a safe house for ladies and children in times of crisis.

Because of the situation with the current ministry center and the legal issues with the land, and because of the current activity and growth of our ministry, this move needs to happen immediately. Everything is in order. We already have lawyers, architects, contractors, and the construction workers necessary. God has even provided a generous church that has offered a matching donation of up to \$60,000! Therefore, all of your donations will be doubled, up to \$60,000! This church is intimately acquainted with our ministry and understands the urgency of completing Phase 1 of the move. We are praying that the money for phase 1 will be provided by the end of June.

Would you please consider helping us expand the Kichwa ministry and prepare it for the longterm future?

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