



Christopher & Leah THOMPSON

SERVING THE LORD IN ECUADOR

July 2022

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

It's hard to believe that it has been about two months since we first arrived in Ecuador! The Lord has faithfully, as always, supplied our needs and given us opportunities to meet many good contacts. We are thankful as we were able to find a home relatively close to the Hoffmeisters.

New Ministries.

As we work alongside the Hoffmeisters, we endeavor to start a new church plant. Together we have started many new ministries and have been able to meet and disciple several new families. The first ministry we started was a Parents/Kids club on Saturdays. The Lord provided us with a free classroom to use for an hour every Saturday. We were thrilled as 51 parents and kids came for the first time. Since then, we have averaged between twenty-five to thirty parents and kids every week. Through this, we have had some new families saved and visit our church. During the second week of June, we were finally able to find a storefront we could rent for a church. The lady we are renting from has been very generous to us and told us that she wanted to attend our church even though she was Catholic. She came on a Sunday morning and received Christ as her Saviour! Our first Sunday service was held June 19. Since then there has been a steady core of families attending with whom we've been discipling. We have also started Wednesday night Bible studies this month. A hospital ministry was another door the Lord opened for us. This has given us many more opportunities to witness to lost patients and family members as we minister to them in their time of need. On one occasion, we entered the hospital and found out it had changed administration. The guards would not let us go in until finally one of them spoke with the new director, and without hesitation she told the guard to leave us alone. We praise the Lord we were allowed to speak freely with the patients! We have attempted several times to speak with the warden at the local jail to give us permission to minister, but we have not yet been able to talk to him. Please pray that if it be the Lord's will that He would give us entrance to reach the inmates.

Praise!

In the previous letter, I mentioned a couple named Eduardo and Gina. Brother Jonathan baptized Eduardo, and both he and his wife have been faithfully attending services. Both of them are engineers, which has benefited us a few times for different needs in the church. We are also thankful for God's protection during an 18-day riot. Jonathan and I were able to hand out hundreds of tracts to protesting Kichwas marching with spears! Another blessing is that Leah started Spanish lessons.

We are also thankful that God provided us with a good doctor. My wife is expecting our baby this month. We are praying that the birth would be without complications, and that we would have an inroad to witness to the hospital staff. We are glad to be fellow labourers with you in the ministry. We desire, that through you and our ministry here, we can further the gospel AROUND the world!

Serving the Lord,
Christopher and Leah Thompson
1 Cor. 9:16



Sunday Service



Witnessing to kids



Parents/kids Club



Eduardo's baptism



Wednesday night Bible Study



Kichwa Protesters

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