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Our trip to Ecuador did not go as planned, but in these times, I have come to expect the unexpected. On May 22, my brother and his wife arrived from Texas with their two dogs to the delight of Lulu, our Shih Tzu. They planned to watch over things at home, care for our 97-year-old mother, and be there for Sarah should she need anything while taking class at USF and working for Amazon this summer.

On Tuesday, the 24th, we arrived at the airport early for our afternoon flight. Unfortunately, the agent at the checkout told us that we could not fly as our covid test results were three hours over our 72-hour limit. The gate agent rebooked us to fly out early Thursday, the 26th. We only had about an hour to get from the airport to the CVS next to our home in rush hour traffic for a second round of Covid testing to hopefully have the results in time for our 4 AM check-in on the 26th. Everything went as we prayed, and we made it through customs carrying four extra laptop computers for the CTC teachers in the Guayaquil area.

Pastor Jessica Alzamora, our CTC director, invited us to lunch at her home where three of the four students were waiting for us. Alberto, her husband, was in the USA and the recipient of the fourth computer, so Pastor Jessica (far left) received it for him.



When we arrived in Portoviejo, we were blessed to see the repairs that had been made to the church ceilings, lighting, and walls which included the small mission's apartment that shares the second-floor

ministry space. All the corrugated ceiling tiles had been removed and a new plaster ceiling with inset lighting was in the finishing phase of installation. We

spent Friday and Saturday gathering supplies for the month ahead and replacing quite a few items that were needed. When the electric range began smoking while Vicky was fixing a meal, I took the range apart to discover that a module had overloaded. The cost for a new electric stove was about the same as refitting with a small gas range and portable tank. Vicky actually prefers gas, so we opted for that and over the next few days finally finished furnishing the apartment with everything it needed.



Vicky's father, Pastor Raul Molina, asked me to preach Sunday morning. Another local Pastor, Francisco Velez, and his wife, Cinthya, and their two children were visiting the service. They invited us to their home for lunch on Wednesday which turned out to be a special time with the Lord for all of us. I believe this ministry is one that God wishes us to partner with. Pastor Raul also asked me to teach his CTC students each evening. I spent most of the time teaching the 15 students the Experiencing God material that makes up most of our General Discipleship II course in CTC.



Vicky's father drove us to Pastor Francisco's very humble home in a mostly poor area of the outskirts of the city. They were led here after a series of unfortunate situations involving Cinthya's father's ministry that ultimately left Cinthya with title to this small piece of land but also involved them leaving that ministry area through no fault of their own. They took it as the Lord's direction for their lives and heart to serve Christ.



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Pastor Francisco shared with us in their tiny dining area that once they were settled and began their ministry, they were approached by a larger local ministry that offered them help to build a building and \$50/month in support if they would become part of their denomination and come under their ministry and doctrine. After fasting and praying about the opportunity that seemed to be the answer to their prayers, they could not agree to their doctrine and declined the offer. Soon after, a ministry from the USA contacted them, came to visit, and offered them considerably more money to become one of their satellite ministries under their denomination. The man said he would return the next day for their decision. That night after considerable prayer in the Spirit, Cinthya had a dream of this man with flies coming out of his mouth. She woke her husband and they prayed more about what the Lord had shown them and determined to continue trusting God for His provision without the outside help of that ministry. The man never returned!

After a nice lunch and Vicky doing a lot of the talking and translation for me, they said they so appreciated the message that I had shared on Sunday concerning how decisions determine our destiny and often echo throughout eternity. Francisco said it hit home with them because of the difficult decisions they had faced and their desire to follow the Spirit of God and not the enticements of mankind. Pastor went on to share that in prayer, God spoke to Cinthya that they should pray over us and have Cinthya wash our feet as Jesus did for His disciples. We were overwhelmed by their simple life and humility before the Lord. They have much to offer the kingdom of God and the folks in this poor area.

After their time of ministry, I asked them what they needed. They were very hesitant to respond and then said they wanted our prayers most of all for wisdom in their decisions. I repeated my request and again they were hesitant, perhaps wondering what strings would be attached to our partnership. I felt it was best not to say anything for now though my hope would be that perhaps down the road they would consider opening another CTC for this area. With their heart for obedience to the Lord, I am sure He will direct them when the time is right. The photo that follows is of their home and the area that God has provided for the humble beginning of their new ministry. They cooked food and sold it to their neighbors to raise the money for the

pile of rock and dirt that the boys are playing in. These rocks would be the foundation for the church building next to their home. I discussed with them the idea of putting in pillars in the front grassy area and extending



the foundation and sheet metal roof over that so it could provide additional seating or area for children. I asked them what their long-term plans were as God provides increase in their ministry. They said they wanted to put on a second story which would become their home with the church below. Vicky's father did a cost analysis which indicated it should be near **\$8,000** to complete the first story. **Please join Vicky and me in investing in Pastor Francisco and Cinthya's ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference for two very humble but obedient Pastors. Just put Pastor Francisco on your check and we will see 100% gets to them.**

There was a bad bronchial virus quickly spreading throughout Ecuador. All three of us became increasingly ill with it which put the Peru trip out of the question for me. Despite a negative Covid antigen test, I could not answer the Covid protocols without lying in order to fly. I am so sad that I was not able to teach the Shawi Indians in Yurimaguas. Many will have come 20 miles upriver by canoe in expectation of our time together. Pastor Francisco and family came to pray for our healing Sunday morning, anointing us with oil and praying and singing to the Lord for our recovery.

Know how much we count on your faithful partnership. ***Do not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap IF WE FAINT NOT!*** Gal. 6:9. Know our heavenly Father loves you and will see to all our needs. You are in our prayers always! God will see us through this!!! We love and so appreciate each of you who pray with us and stand with us! **Remember when sending RevC support through MVI to make the check payable to MVI and put RevC in the memo line. It is best to send project or personnel support to PO Box 958 Oldsmar, FL 34677 or to our home 1644 Orchardgrove Ave. New Port Richey, FL 34655 and identify the project or for RevC support on the memo line. TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!**

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