

# Aschmann Action

November 2012

For nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 1:37 NIV

## Thanks for Praying!

Rick: Thanks so much for praying about my written exams: I have now taken all of the ones I needed to take for the process of being licensed to preach (theology, Bible content, and church government), and thankfully I passed them all! Wow, it has been a lot of years since I have taken any kind of in-depth written tests, and I really had to sweat blood studying for them. Of course, I have been kind of keeping my brain sharp by preaching and teaching in three languages, and that probably helped, but the main thing was the faithful prayers of so many of you!

The next step in the process is for me to go before the Evangel Presbytery in Alabama so that I can be licensed to preach, and that is projected to happen this month, on November 13. People have been very encouraging to me throughout this process, and it is exciting to see this dream coming to fruition.

The final stage of being ordained as a pastor and teaching elder will take place after we get to Colombia and get involved in the church-planting internship. That will involve even more tests!

And thanks for praying for our support. We have had some recent increases in support, which has been very encouraging, bringing our monthly need down from over \$2100 to about \$1300 per month. We have also had many generous gifts towards our one-time needs, covering more than half of the \$12,000 we are needing.

## Now is the Time!

However, that is still a sizeable amount, and we still need to raise that amount in monthly pledges, in a short time. But nothing is impossible with God!

So what do I mean by “monthly pledges”? For example, a monthly pledge of \$25 is a commitment to send in \$25 regularly each month to support our mission work. Some people prefer to give quarterly or yearly or whatever. For instance, a pledge of \$600 once a year comes out to the same as a pledge of \$25 monthly.

Thanks so much to those of you who have made new pledges or increased your pledge recently! Some of you may be planning to give regularly but have not let us know yet, and some churches may be thinking of including us in your January budget or making an increase then. If so, **now is the time to let us know that!** Mission to the World needs to have any new pledges in writing or by e-mail. Until we have all of our pledges in to meet our monthly need, Mission to the World will not authorize us to apply for our Colombian visas or purchase tickets, and we need to do that soon in order to be able to travel to Colombia in early January as planned.

To let us and the mission know about a new pledge write us at: [RASchmann@mtwsa.org](mailto:RASchmann@mtwsa.org) or write to the mission address above.

### *Giving options (for one-time or regular gifts)*

#### • On-Line (Credit Card or Electronic Transfer)

Go to [www.mtw.org](http://www.mtw.org) → Ways to Give → Give to missionaries  
→ Aschmann, Richard & Betty → Donate

#### • Check by Mail

Pay to the order of: Mission to the World  
PO Box 116284  
Atlanta, GA 30368-6284

On memo line: Rick & Betty Aschmann, acct. #10107

## Prayer & Praise

- Pray that the Lord will bring in our needed monthly support pledges in time for us to move to Colombia in January.
- Pray that there will be no complications in getting our visas to go to Colombia, and that the Lord would prepare us all physically and emotionally for our big move.
- Continue praying for our friends and colleagues in Ecuador: For Paúl Chiriboga in his ongoing ministry in Mondayacu, as I continuing to disciple him from afar, and for Segundo Anrango and for the Paltapamba church, that they will prosper in our absence.



## Cultural Closeup

Rick: We have spent a lot more time in Nebraska during this time in the States than ever before. The kids and I have been getting into southwestern Nebraska farming culture in some ways we never expected.



Climbing up a tall Nebraska grain bin to see if the corn has filled it to the brim! See me at the top?

One interesting thing I did lately was to clean out **THE PIT**. This is a pit that truckloads of dry corn kernels are poured into at harvest time. Most Nebraska farms have one. The corn is then pumped up to the top of tall grain bins through big metal pipes using augers (like huge corkscrews). **THE PIT** is only used a few weeks each year, during corn harvest, but it must be clean and ready to use when they need it.

The problem is that it tends to get kind of yucky. Rain-water can easily get in, and the resulting mud mixed with old rotting fermented corn has an absolutely unique and unforgettable aroma. The only way to clean out this mess is by getting down into **THE PIT** and cleaning it out with a shovel and a pail and a broom. Did I mention that the ceiling also gets covered with cobwebs coated thickly with corn dust? And various critters (toads, mice, etc.) think **THE PIT** makes a nice home.



Cleaning out **THE PIT**!

Hearing that **THE PIT** needed cleaning, and wanting to be helpful around the farm, I said, "I'll do it!" They said, "Are you sure? It's not the kind of job we would ever ask you to do!" "No problem," I said. Little did I know what I was getting into! It took several hours of grueling work with shovel, pail, and broom, trying to hang onto a big pipe to keep from sliding down the funnel, with that pungent smell all around. The next day, I was incredibly sore, in lots of muscles I didn't even realize I had.

When I mentioned to some other people that I had cleaned out **THE PIT**, they said, "I can't believe they asked you to do that!" "They didn't," I said, "I volunteered!"

When my niece heard about it, she burst out laughing, and said, "Now you're really part of the family!" My father-in-law said, "Now that you know how to do it, you can do it again next year!" "Sorry," I said, "next year I'll be in Colombia!" (So please, send in your pledges!)



Anne and Nathan playing in a "corn box"

E-mail address:	<a href="mailto:RASchmann@mtwsa.org">RASchmann@mtwsa.org</a>
Personal web page:	<a href="http://www.Aschmann.net/Rick">www.Aschmann.net/Rick</a>
Quichua web page:	<a href="http://www.Quichua.net/O/Ec/English.html">www.Quichua.net/O/Ec/English.html</a>
Mailing address in the U.S. through December, 2012:	
	76155 Road 352
	Wallace, NE 69169
U.S. Cell phones:	308-650-0537, 308-650-0539
Virtual U.S. phone:	972-535-4356 (works in all countries)
Mission web sites:	
	<a href="http://www.mtw.org">www.mtw.org</a>
	<a href="http://www.mtwla.org">www.mtwla.org</a>
	<a href="http://www.hcjb.org">www.hcjb.org</a>
	<a href="http://www.wycliffe.org">www.wycliffe.org</a>

Our newsletters can be seen on the Internet at:  
[www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter](http://www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter).