

Ecuador Trip

Rick: Thanks so much for praying for my Ecuador trip in July. God answered those prayers in wonderful ways. I stayed with old friends Luis and Monica Vasco, and I was able to visit with most of our former team members. It was very encouraging to see that each of the ones I was able to visit are continuing to follow the call that the Lord has given them, even though it has been difficult for them in many ways since our team left. Old and true friendships are such valuable possessions, as the above verse makes clear!

One thing that was unexpected but very encouraging was to find that Segundo has been traveling two hours north to the little Quichua town of Pigulca nearly every Sunday to continue helping and teaching a new and struggling congregation there that our team worked with in years past. He is doing



At the Paltapamba church

this without pay, just because he knows their need. He told me, "I would really like to become an ordained pastor if that is possible." I told him we would see about how that could happen!

The trip south to Paltapamba also went very well. Segundo was able to go with me, and we had an encouraging visit with the folks there, and some good teaching sessions. In particular I was able to confirm to them that our commitment to work with them and prepare their leaders is still in place, even though we



Segundo chatting with folks over lunch in Paltapamba

Prayer & Praise

- Praise for the good trip Rick had to Ecuador in July in renewing contacts and continuing to teach and encourage the church in Paltapamba.
- Pray for Rick's upcoming trip to Ecuador November 15-25 with pastor Javier, that it will be equally effective.
- Pray for Rick as he continues studying and preparing for the last stage in his ordination process as a pastor over the course of the next year. Pray also for Segundo, as he is also beginning this process under the direction of our mission and the regional church leadership.
- Continue praying for the El Refugio "The Refuge" church plant here in Bogotá. Pray that God would bring in many new believers from our neighborhoods to build up that church. And pray especially for the new couples' ministry which is now in its early stages, that this will be the means of building a church with strong, healthy marriages and families.
- Continue praying for the health of our family and team. Our whole team has been somewhat healthier, thanks to your prayers. Please pray that we can all stay well so that we can focus on what God has us here for!
- Continue praying that the remaining amount still needed in monthly pledges will be provided.

had kind of lost touch over the last two years.

I also got to visit our friends at the Sembradores church in south Quito, reminisce a bit about the many years we have known and worked with them, and do some teaching.

And thanks for praying for my health: just as you prayed, I stayed healthy and well, before, during and after the trip, though I did catch a cold a week later!

On my next trip, which is tentatively scheduled for November 15-25, Pastor Javier from our church plant here is planning to accompany me. It is exciting to see the depth of his mission vision as he encourages pastors in various countries in Latin America, and now he wants to encourage those we work with in Ecuador also.

Colombia Video

Betty: Mission to the World showed the video about our ministries in Colombia for General Assembly in June. They asked me to make a shorter version for the Global Missions Conference to be held in November. The longer version, 6:30 minutes (youtube.com/watch?v=WZ6pWeWLa-0), and now the shorter version, 5 minutes (youtube.com/watch?v=sD7Cz_m8sg8), are both on-line. Please feel free to download them and use them in your church or Sunday School. If you have problems viewing or downloading, please email me and I will send you a copy.



Cultural Closeup

Rick: Bogotá is a much larger city than Quito, and we find that there are a lot more motorcycle riders here than in Quito. One reason for this is that traffic in Bogotá is often very heavy, and traffic jams often cover much of the city. But motorcycles have the advantage that they can often slip between lanes of traffic and keep moving even when the cars can't! (As a general rule, in Latin America, formally marked lanes are often just taken as suggestions, and the traffic makes as many lanes as will actually fit.) And even when there aren't traffic jams, motorcycles can often weave around the other cars and move along faster than the rest of the traffic.

This tends to make driving here kind of hairy sometimes. Often I will be about to change lanes, glance back, and see a motorcycle



No, this isn't a motorcycle gang, just lots of motorcycles!

Thanks to many of you who have sent in extra gifts recently. These were very encouraging, and have kept our support account from going down as fast as we feared it might! Even so, our monthly pledge situation remains about the same, still needing about \$800 per month in additional monthly support. Please consider if you can help us with a new or increased monthly pledge.

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www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter.

about to pass me at high speed, right in my blind spot. More than once I have had to jerk the wheel back at the last minute to avoid an accident.

Just as you might expect, there are a lot of serious accidents here involving motorcycles. Thankfully we haven't had one yet, though I have had some close calls, and have gotten chewed out by some motorcyclists I never even saw! So please pray for our safety!