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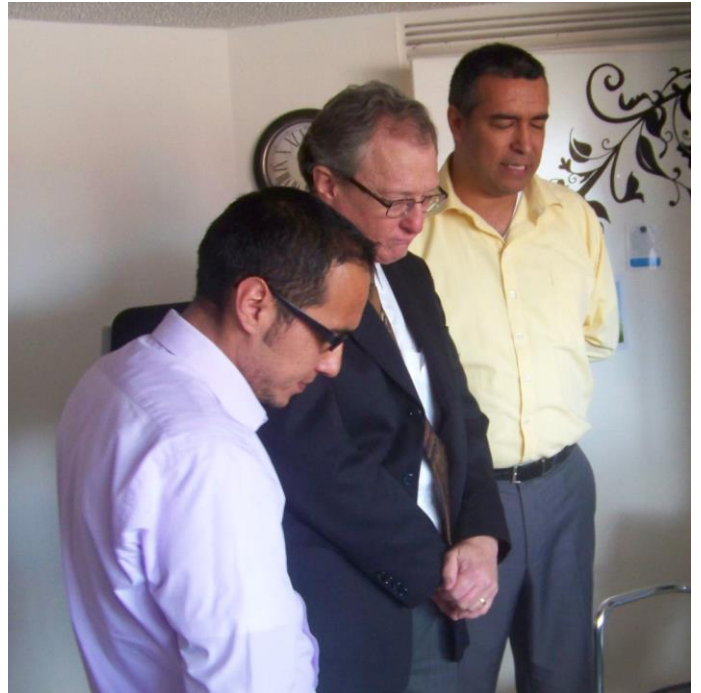
December 2014

Merry Christmas from the Aschmanns!



⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



With Joe Harrell, who encouraged me all the way through

Rick is a Pastor!

Rick: On November 18 I was ordained as planned in Birmingham, Alabama by the Evangel Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America. God is good! After the ordination a short installation service was held, led by Lynn Downing, who was for many years the visiting pastor of our team in Ecuador. I was installed as an evangelist and church planter among the Quichua Indians, where our heart and call has been over these many years. Thank you all for your faithful prayers through the whole



process!

The above verse is my life verse, and even though our path seemed to take some unexpected turns over the last few years, God has made the path straight for our return to Ecuador, with new tools to continue our ministry.

After I returned, El Refugio, our church in Bogotá, held a special service to celebrate with us.



Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for his grace in Rick's ordination. It has been a long process, but He has been faithful through every step.
- Please pray for all the details that now need to be worked out for our return to Ecuador in June 2015, including visas, housing, moving our household, etc.
- Continuing praying for a permanent meeting place for *El Refugio* "The Refuge", our church plant here in Bogotá. For the last couple of months we have been meeting in the pastor's living room, which is rather cramped. Please pray that God would provide just the right place that will be adequate for continued growth.
- Please pray for our financial needs, both monthly and one-time. (See box.)
- Please pray for my next trip to Ecuador, which will probably be in February, that I will be able to arrange a lot of things for our return to Quito in June and continue encouraging those we have been ministering to.
- Thanks so much for continuing to pray for our health. We continue to do well, in spite of all that's going on, except that Anne has been down with several bad bugs lately!

In our last letter I said that we had a monthly shortfall, but that our account was holding steady, but since then it has taken quite a drop. In official pledges we are lacking about \$1300 per month, though we are grateful for the many one-gifts that have offset this at times. But now we really need those pledges as we get ready for our big move back to Ecuador. We will also need about \$8500 in one-time donations for the expenses of the move.

Please consider if you can help us with a new or increased monthly pledge, or a one-time gift.

Giving options (for one-time or regular gifts)

- **Online** (Credit Card or Electronic Transfer)

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- **Check by Mail**

Pay to the order of: Mission to the World (corrected address)
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Suwanee, GA 30024-0982

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



With host and long-time faithful friend Brad Mathews at the ordination



Cultural Closeup

Betty: Now that Rick is a pastor, he will most likely be called on to perform weddings. In the U.S., just being an ordained pastor allows him to legally marry a couple. But it is a little different in most of Latin America. In Ecuador a church wedding doesn't carry any legal weight with the government, and in Colombia the paperwork is so complicated that few pastors bother getting registered. A couple has to be married in a civil service. This usually takes place a few days before the church wedding so that everything is done legally when the church blesses the union. There are probably a lot less couples who back out at the altar if they've already tied the knot in the government's eyes!

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