

# Aschmann Action

June 2015

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27 ESV

## The Aschmanns Return to Ecuador!

Betty: Over the last few months it seems like our life has been spinning...out of control. Except it's not out of control since God is in charge. We're sure glad He is! We're on our way to Ecuador now... finally. Praise God. These last months have been a whirlwind of activities and paperwork. It started in January when we had to move houses, and had to renew our Colombian visas, as we mentioned in our last letter.

Since then we have been setting up with a shipping company to move to Ecuador, working on lots of paperwork to get our resident visas for Ecuador when we arrive, enrolling the kids in Alliance Academy International in Quito, finding a house near the school in Quito (which God provided), selling several things here in Bogotá including our car, and Rick making a

### Thank you again!

Thanks again to so many of you who sent in extra funds over the last few months. Our account had just barely enough in it for Mission to the World to approve our big move to Ecuador, even with the large one-time expenses involved. God is so good!

However, we are still lacking at least \$1000 per month in official pledges, and we will really need those pledges to keep our account balance healthy as we move into our new ministries in Ecuador.

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special trip to transport our dog so that she is waiting for us when we arrive. Then early this month Rick made a quick trip to the U.S. to visit his brother Dan, who is battling cancer. Thanks for your faithful prayers as we have dealt with all these details. Sometimes it seemed like we were going crazy trying to keep all the details straight, but God's grace got us through.

And by the time you get this, we will be in Ecuador! Next we will need to settle in, apply for our resident visas (which we can only do once we get there, and which will take at least three weeks), and only after we receive the visas will our household things be trucked through the mountains from Bogotá to Quito. Please continue praying!

### Prayer & Praise

- Please pray for our adjustment to and our setup in Ecuador, that we might get our resident visas quickly, and that there will be no unexpected complications in our shipment coming through.
- Please pray as we arrive in Quito and make contacts and set up goals for our ministry to the Quichua Indians.
- Praise God that the children ended school well and we had the opportunity to train some people who are taking over the music in our church plant, *El Refugio*.
- Praise God that the Bible study on biblical principles of money management has gone well, and has served as a means of drawing a new family into the church. Pastor Javier will be continuing that study, so please continue praying.
- Praise God for his sustaining power through all the details we have been facing in the last few months. We have kept our sanity (I think) and it's only through his grace that we have!



Nathan became a communicant member of our church, “El Refugio” in May. He and three other children took several classes with Pastor Javier. We are so proud of him.

### Cultural Closeup



Rick: One of the things we will miss in Ecuador is Colombian food. You might think that, since they all speak the same language, Colombia, Ecuador, and Mexico (where I grew up) would have similar food, but in fact there are few similarities. (It really bugged me when Harrison

Ford in the movie *Clear and Present Danger* said that Colombian food is just like Mexican. Not!)

Mexico has tortillas, Colombia has arepas, and Ecuador has neither. In Mexico we know that the word “tortilla” means a thin corn or wheat patty, but in Colombia this word normally means an omelet, and in Ecuador it normally means thick mashed potatoes with spices. About the only specialty food



Ajiaco



Pastor Javier

they all have in common are tamales, but even these are very different from each other.

The best part of Colombian food, in both Betty’s and my opinion, is their soups. They’ve got a wide variety, including a breakfast soup with a soft-boiled egg cooked in it, called *changua* (CHAHNG-gwah). But our favorite soup (and in my opinion the best soup in the world) is called *ajiaco* (ah-hee-AH-ko). It is a chicken soup made with three different kinds of potatoes (potatoes are actually native to the Andes, so there are far more varieties here than in the rest of the world). One of these potatoes is called the *papa criolla*, and it has the interesting characteristic that if you peel it and boil it in water it dissolves, thickening the soup. *Ajiaco* is also made with an herb called *guascas* with a unique flavor, a piece of corn on the cob, capers, and a dollop of fresh cream. Sometimes pieces of avocado are added. Delicious!

Just last week a neighbor who goes to our church invited us and Pastor Javier over for *ajiaco*, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Fortunately we know of a nice Colombian restaurant in Quito, so when we really have a hankering for a yummy bowl of *ajiaco*, we can get it. And if we want Mexican food, we have a favorite Mexican restaurant. As for American, we have McDonald’s, Burger King, Pizza Hut, TGI Friday’s, etc., etc., etc.