

Aschmann Action

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9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

Our traveling this spring

Well, we are keeping busy visiting all our partners in ministry this year. We are in full swing into missions conferences this spring. The Lord has been so good to give us stamina and safe travel for these many months and many miles. And we pray that he will continue as we continue to enjoy time catching up with partners, family, and friends.

Thank you!

Thank you all for your generous giving. Through you, God has provided so much of our needed funds. But please continue to pray for our \$1305 monthly need in pledges. If you would like to join our partnership team or give a special gift as we return to the field in June, here are the ways you can donate. →

Anne's dog

Wow. Anne has a diabetes alert dog selected! This is Darcy. She is a 6-month-old labradoodle, and she's well into her training. She will be coming to Anne in about 5 or 6 months. It is so exciting to see God providing for Anne in this way.

Thank you to many of you who have helped Anne on her journey. Through you, God has raised more than \$7300 of the \$19,000. However, more is needed for when Darcy will be delivered to Anne.

If you'd like to help, you can check out her GoFundMe at:

<https://gofund.me/facad951>

Or you can contact her directly at:

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Darcy

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Safety concerns in Ecuador

You can keep our safety and the safety of our Ecuadorian and missionary friends in your prayers. For the past 5 years or so, crime, kidnappings, extortion, and murders have been steadily increasing throughout Ecuador. But this year, the government is trying to take a stand against the drug cartels and organized crime and things are heating up. In November, a new president was elected, a young man named Daniel Noboa, and he has vowed to take a stand against crime. In January, a crime lord escaped from prison and president Noboa declared a nationwide state of emergency, with military force and curfews in an effort to fight the or-

ganized crime. Ecuador basically went into a state of war for several days. Criminals bombed businesses and government buildings and the military fought back. Ecuador made international news in January when a gang armed with guns and bombs took over a live broadcast on TV. Fortunately no one was killed, and the gunmen were apprehended. The entire country was shut down for a few days. Things have settled down quite a bit since then, but there is still a curfew in effect and it is not safe to travel to many areas, especially the coast.

Prayer & Praise

- Please keep our safety and the safety of our Ecuadorian and missionary friends in your prayers throughout this safety crisis. And especially as we plan to head back to Quito in June.
- Please continue to pray for Daniel Sigla and the translation of the Old Testament into the Central Highland Quichua language. Pray for his health and that of his wife as he continues to work. Genesis through Song of Solomon are now complete in the first draft. Pray also for the Cofán Old Testament translation team.
- Please continue praying for Segundo and Laura as they continue ministering in Pigulca and surrounding areas.
- Praise God that Anne has a diabetic service dog coming within the next six months. And continue to pray for His provision of the funds to finalize the purchase.
- Praise that Nathan finished his first semester in college really well, and he's working through the second semester. Pray for him to continue to seek God's guidance throughout his life.
- Praise God for his provision, stamina, and safety as we travel throughout the U.S.



Cultural Closeup

Since our car accident on Thanksgiving where the kids' college car was totaled, we have spent a lot of time vehicle shopping. Thank the Lord, he provided a really good vehicle in early January, just in time for them to return to classes. When we return to Quito in June, we will be car shopping there, also. So I just thought I'd note some differences in vehicle shopping between the two countries.



Our kids' new (to them) vehicle

Used vehicles have always been expensive in Ecuador. Labor is cheap and they will try to fix just about anything. For example, in 2016, we purchased a 21-year-old Chevy Trooper, 4-wheel drive with extra seats. We paid \$9500. That was a good deal! Now, in the U.S., used vehicles are much more expensive than they were in 2016, but still cheaper than that. We are expecting to have to pay more than \$10,000 for about a 15-year-old car in Quito.

In Quito, license plate numbers matter. When a used car is sold, you keep the license plate that is on it and transfer it to your name.

But there is a day once a week when your vehicle is not allowed to drive during rush hour, and this is based on your license plate number. So that license plate may make your vehicle more or less easy to sell. For example, if the plate number ends in a 3, you are not allowed to drive on Tuesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If your license plate number ends in a 9 or a 0, then these restrictions apply on Friday. And many people (including us) like to leave town on a Friday afternoon for the weekend. You can't just go and ask for another license plate number. What you have is what you are stuck with.

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