

# Aschmann Action

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*I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*  
*Philippians 4:18-19*

Rick: Praise the Lord! We have many things to praise the Lord about in this letter, and we thank you for praying about many of them.

The big one is that we are headed back to Ecuador on June 14, as scheduled. The Lord provided all of our monthly support in time for us to go back on time, but, as usual, he waited until the last minute to bring it all in, to help build our faith up.

(Actually, we still don't have all of our monthly support pledged, but because our giving has been very good over the last months, Mission to the World approved us to return.)

It has been quite a year! Since we came to the U.S. at the end of August, we have had 34 missions conferences or other church visits. In other words, we were in a different church almost every Sunday, from early September to mid May! That doesn't count two that we missed because our whole family had the flu, and one we had to miss because our car broke down! But we are so thankful that this was the only time car problems delayed us in all of our travels.

This is amazing, considering that we also traveled more than 22,000 miles, traveling twice from Colorado to south Florida. We also had to delay our trip for a whole day because of a blizzard in Oklahoma, but that didn't make us late for a meeting. We got pretty worn out, but even so, God kept us safe and well, and gave us two little kids who really travel well.

Betty: We also want to praise God for bringing in all the money for our video production equipment. We are planning to begin a new ministry to produce videos for training and teaching the Quichuas and their leaders, as well as other purposes. Please pray for me as I purchase the equipment in Ecuador and help set up this new ministry.



*Heidi and Jason Barron, April 7, 2008*

*A special highlight in April was our daughter Heidi's wedding to Jason Barron, on the beach in Destin, Florida. They are living in Louisiana.*

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## Prayer & Praise

- Praise for God's provision of nearly all of our monthly support, and that we are able to return to Ecuador as planned. Please keep praying that our support will continue to be sufficient, so that we can stay in Ecuador and continue our work!
- Praise God for safe travel and a reliable vehicle throughout our Home Ministry Assignment. Praise also that God kept us safe and well, in spite of our incredibly hectic schedule.
- Praise that relations between Ecuador and Colombia have been normalized, and that tensions have been reduced.
- Please pray for Heidi and her husband Jason, that God would bless this new marriage and family.
- Praise God for bringing in all the money for our video production equipment. Pray for Betty as she purchases the equipment in Ecuador and works on setting up this new ministry.
- Continue praying for the new literacy program at *Sembradores* Church, that it will be a successful and effective program, and that this vision may spread to many other Quichua churches.



## Cultural Closeup

Betty: We have been traveling quite a lot this past year in our mini van. It made me think of the difference between driving in the United States and driving in Ecuador. One thing is similar— in both countries you drive on the right side of the road. Other than that, it's basically two different activities. In Ecuador speed limits are posted, but not enforced. (They are ridiculously low, and are viewed by all, including police, as mere mild suggestions!) Also, it's legal to turn left on red. (Boy, do I have to remember it's illegal in the U.S. I can't say other drivers would be expecting that.)

In Ecuador, you have to drive much more defensively. The other drivers don't follow the rules too strictly and are much more unpredictable. Many people do not use their turn signals for turning or changing lanes. In fact, some people like to let you know that it is safe to pass by turning on their turn signal. Are you confused yet? Worse yet, in most situations drivers completely ignore the lanes marked on the roads, instead fitting in as many cars as will fit, with a lot less space between them than we are used to in the U.S. Rick likes to say that driving in Latin America is like driving in a river: you often just have to go with the flow! Try attempting to figure out where someone is going when he takes up the two right lanes just to turn left at the last minute. I have wondered if some drivers think unpredictable is better. Also, you have to watch very closely for pedestrians. It's common for them to run across the freeway or jump out of public buses and cross two lanes of traffic without any warning.

Honking your horn is also very common. You can honk to let someone know you are there, or honk if you're annoyed with them, or honk to let them know you are passing them. It's a little confusing since most honks sound similar. Basically, if someone honks at you, just expect something. Who knows what?

We'll have to get back into the swing of driving in Ecuador now that we're heading back. But I have to say there is one big advantage. In Ecuador, the price of gasoline is only about \$2.00 per gallon!



Anne and Nathan had a lot of fun spending the winter in Nebraska. They enjoyed putting Dad to work!