

# Aschmann Action

June 2024

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:1-3

## Our return trip...

We are heading home to Ecuador! After one entire year traveling to visit you all, we have tickets to return to Quito mid-June. It has been somewhat hectic and definitely rewarding seeing our partners in ministry and spending time with family and friends. God is so good. He has given us safe travel for more than 25,000 highway miles – plus a bit of air travel. Our health has been good. And we have had the privilege to personally share what God is doing in Ecuador through 10 different states!

Please note these important changes!

After mid-June, these phone numbers will NO longer be valid: 970-520-8477, 970-520-8577.

Some of you may have addresses for us in Kearney, Nebraska or Birmingham, Alabama. Please do NOT use those anymore.

Instead use only the information on the right. →

You can contact us via WhatsApp at the numbers shown if you have that application.

We do not receive mail in Ecuador. The best way to contact us after mid-June is via the email addresses. If you have to send us something, get ahead of us and we can give you a U.S. address that will eventually get it to us.

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<b>Our newsletters:</b> <a href="http://www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter">www.Aschmann.net/Rick/Newsletter</a> .

## Anne's dog – God provides!

We are so excited that Anne will be getting her diabetic service dog this month! Darcy will be arriving June 18th. Anne is set up in an apartment in Seward, Nebraska this summer, so that will be a great place for her and Darcy to get adjusted to each other. We thank the Lord, and thank so many of you who have helped her raise the money. It has all come in! What a blessing. As soon as Anne gets pictures of herself with Darcy, we'll send them along.


## Financial Needs:

Thank you, new partners and faithful continuing partners. We have nearly reached our support-raising goal. We are still in need of \$1072 in monthly pledges. Since our support account is healthy and many have helped us with one-time gifts, the mission has allowed us to return to Ecuador while we work to raise the additional amount. So please prayerfully consider joining our team so that this work among the Quichua Indians of Ecuador can continue without interruption.

Here are the ways you can donate. →

## Crime problem eases

Our friends in Quito have also told us that things have settled down somewhat since the major riots and crime outbreaks in January

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Or go to <a href="http://www.mtw.org">www.mtw.org</a>
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→ Aschmann, Richard & Betty
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To give by mail: <b>Mission to the World</b> <b>Account #10107</b> <b>P.O. Box 744165</b> <b>Atlanta, GA 30374-4165</b>
<b>Memo line: Rick &amp; Betty</b> <b>Aschmann, acct. #10107</b>

2024 and throughout this spring. The new president, Daniel Noboa, has better equipped the police force and continued to bring the military into the battle against organized crime. Daily life seems somewhat calmer and businesses are able to get back to work. But you can continue to pray for this continued battle against crime and our safety and the safety of all our friends throughout the country.



Pastor-in-training Segundo sent us pictures of the Easter service in the small town of Pigulca



Segundo sharing the Word in a nearby village

## *Prayer & Praise*

- We thank the Lord for his marvellous provision. We are able to return to the field nearly funded, and Anne's diabetic service dog is paid for and coming to meet her soon!
- We thank the Lord that he has provided more funds for the Old Testament translation project. Please continue to pray for Daniel Sigla and the team as they work on that project. Pray also for the Cofán Old Testament translation team.
- Please pray for Segundo and Laura as they continue ministering in Pigulca and surrounding areas.
- Please pray for our return to Quito, our safety, and the safety of other Christians in this part of the world.
- Please pray as we car shop yet again. We will be needing to purchase a vehicle in Quito when we return.



## *Cultural Closeup*

As we return to Ecuador, we hope we're not returning to electricity cuts. This happened years ago, when Ecuador's hydroelectric plants were not able to keep up with electricity demands. So the government was forced to shut off electricity throughout sectors of the country at certain hours every day to keep from overloading the system. Because of drought, it happened again in April and the first part of May. For example, our sector would be shut off from noon to 8 pm on Monday, 8 pm and overnight on Tuesday, 4 am to noon on Wednesday, etc. Hours without electricity were posted ahead of time, so businesses that relied on electricity for cooking, refrigeration or other things, would shut down for those hours. Many of the newer apartment buildings now have generators to fill in the power gaps, but our apartment is quite old and we do not have a generator. So we would have to carefully schedule cooking, bathing (because of the water pressure), and many other activities around the schedule. As you can imagine, this is very difficult for many businesses to make ends meet when they are having to shut down for hours every day. And many are still struggling to recover from the COVID shutdown and riots that followed for years afterwards.

I just talked with a good friend in Quito and she says there has been quite a lot of rain, so the electricity cuts have been suspended for now. Typically, the end of June and July are very dry months, so we'll see how things develop as we return.