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KJV Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Hello from Ecuador! As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I hope this letter finds you well and blessed. What a true blessing it is to know that God works in the life of each one of us. As a missionary, you try to meet the needs of each one as you minister to them, but it is the Lord that is really doing the work.

We continue to see young people getting saved. My wife Tammi led a young lady named Melanie to the Lord. She has been having a Bible study with Melanie and her two younger sisters every Friday night. We also continue to have a Bible study every night except Wednesday and Sunday, which are set aside for services. My Tuesday night Bible study has increased to nine people now and is truly the highlight of my week. I have been praying for the Lord to give me a man to train to take over the work. He has given me seven! Several have the potential for the Lord to call into the ministry. Jeffrey, who has recently received the Lord as Savior, will be baptized tonight. He asked me about my call to the ministry after our Thursday night Bible study that I have with him and Christian, who is also another recent convert. The Lord is working in the lives of these young men. They are all eating up the Bible training. My Saturday night Bible study has been delayed due to a lot of sickness among the participants. Please pray for protection from sickness for our mission members and for all who are being disciplined, and that those who are sick can get better so we can resume the Bible studies.

I want to thank all who sent gifts for our family and for the ministry in honor of our Lord's birth! I especially want to thank my home church, Mission Blvd. Baptist Church, for the \$1,400.00 for the schoolbook project "Walking with Jesus." Missionary Cristobal Yañez will be coming to Ecuador in January for a special distribution of the schoolbook project in the Chimborazo area of Ecuador where he has some contacts with the indigenous peoples. This is the highest mountain in the world. We will not be going to the top, but we will be working at higher elevations. Please pray for us during this time (January 21-31). Thank you!

We truly appreciate your prayers and support for the work here in Ecuador, and our prayer is that the Lord will bless you richly.

In Christ,

Michael Lea and family

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