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KJV John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Hello from Ecuador! I hope this prayer letter finds you well and blessed in the Lord. Faithfulness is much fruit; maintaining faithfulness makes life better.

My family and I were able to go to the tenth anniversary of the Iglesia Bautista Filadelfia [Philadelphia Baptist Church] in Mexico. This is the church that we had the privilege of establishing. It was a blessing to see how the church has grown in all areas. Some of the members are even taking care of their pastor, Juan Arellano, by helping him build his home. We had a wonderful time and feel extremely blessed to have had the opportunity to go back and visit.

Here in Ecuador, I had mentioned in my last letter the political turmoil of the ousting of the president and his call for new elections for the national assembly. This will take place on August 20th, and we ask for prayers. With the ousting of a democratic president, it looks like the country wants a socialist instead.

I am excited to report that things are going very well with the work here. Brother Carlos has stepped up and is now teaching several Bible studies to individuals, and on Thursdays he is teaching a group of twenty people all on his own. This is a great display of maturity! I would ask you to keep praying that the Lord would have his way in his life, and that the Lord would call him into the ministry. My Tuesday night Bible study continues to bear fruit. We just finished a study on how to preach and we started a family concepts study. My Saturday study on Christian growth is back on track after some illness had delayed the study. We continue to work on our evangelistic video and look forward to evangelizing new areas.

I want to thank you for your prayers for my health. I have healed from my double hernia operation and am doing well on my exercise program. I would ask that you continue to pray for me as I am having trouble at times with my breathing. The exercise really works my lungs and with the high altitude and low oxygen I struggle at times.

I appreciate all your prayers, support, and love shown! May God bless you richly.

In Christ,

Michael Lea and family

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