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KJV Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Hello from Ecuador! I hope this prayer letter finds you well and blessed in the Lord. How much better it is that we are justified through Christ's work. If it were left up to us and our works, I know I would be lacking. It is the work of God that we can believe. I remember putting my trust and confidence in Jesus Christ for payment of my sins and receiving His divine nature. What a wonder!

We have seen two saved recently, Carmen saw the information of our services and started coming faithfully. My wife got her into a Bible study, and they began studying the Gospel. It is amazing that there are "churches" out there that many people go to but never hear the Gospel or have an opportunity to ask for the free gift of eternal life. Luisa, who is twelve years old, has been studying with my wife for over a year but just recently accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour. Glory be to God!

We have just recently finished our new Gospel video in Spanish, here is the link: https://youtu.be/rgUOU_CopPM?si=JzM_aCyL_LZxcca2. Please feel free to share with your Spanish speaking friends. Our "Learning with Jesus" school textbook project has gone very well this year. I just finished give out 3,200 books to students in schools here in Ecuador. We were able to get 1,050 of these books in a Catholic school run by nuns!

I am happy to report that we are seeing growth in attendance to our church services; it has more than doubled. With the recent instability politically and economically, I believe many people are turning to God. The presidential runoff election occurs on October 8th. The choices are a socialist candidate and a free-market capitalist that runs a family banana plantation. Pray that Ecuador will make a good decision! We were happy to receive a visit from missionary Bruce Martin and three men from Mexico who came to do a survey trip to Ecuador. It would be exciting to see new missionaries here!

My Tuesday night study with the young people has been going very well, our study on family concepts has been helpful since all of them come from dysfunctional families. The counsel that the Bible gives is invaluable so that the cycle does not repeat itself in these young people's lives.

Carlos, my right-hand man, brought his Bible study group to services so they could receive certificates for the correspondence courses that they had completed with his guidance.

I appreciate your prayers and giving so that the work here in Ecuador can continue. May God bless you richly!

In Christ,
Michael Lea and family

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