



Bruce Martin Family Missionary Report

September 2023

Mission Survey Trip to Ecuador

As I continue to advise and counsel the missionary candidates in the country of Mexico, I am scheduling more survey trips with them. During the first weeks of September, I traveled with three men from Mexico to the country of Ecuador.

We visited several missionaries and attended the services of six different churches. I also taught some classes in two different Bible Schools. Our goals were to understand the different cultures that live in Ecuador, see the need for the gospel, and inform ourselves on the lo-

gistics that are required to send a missionary from Mexico to Ecuador. These logistics include: getting a visa or residency permission from the Ecuadorian government, transferring funds from Mexico to Ecuador, finding and setting a budget for housing, budgeting the cost of living for a family, and the costs of ministry such as transportation and outreach projects.

We travelled to mountain churches that were 12,000 feet high in the mountains where one can hardly preach because of the low oxygen. We also were in jungle churches, where the heat was so oppressive that my shirt was soaked in sweat while I preached. It was a special privilege to be in the same province where the 5 missionaries were killed by the Auca Indians in 1956 (the year I was born).



Palm Hearts with chicken meat cooked in banana leaves and a side of yucca.

We are very thankful for Bro. Michael Lea (missionary out of the Mission Boulevard Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas) and Bro. Victor Gallo (missionary out the Iglesia Bautista Monte Si3n in Mexico City) for being our hosts and driving us around the country.

I pray that God will allow more missionaries from Mexico to minister in this wonderful country.



Bible Institute students in Taisha, Ecuador

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Reporting to our supporting churches in the Unites States

Provi and I were able to visit some of our supporting churches in Texas and Alaska during the summer months. I am so grateful to the faithful churches that have supported us for so many years. Even though I haven't been able to go and visit many of them for a long while, they continue to faithfully support our ministry. Rodgers Baptist Church in

Garland, Texas and Midway Baptist Church in Allen, Texas have been supporting our ministry for over 40 years. It was a joy to be back with them.

The True North Baptist Church in North Pole, Alaska just recently started to support us. It was pleasure for Provi and I to spend a week

with them and speak at their annual church retreat in the woods of Alaska. It is such an encouragement to see their commitment to worldwide missions.

Conferences and new church in Chiapas, Mexico

I just returned from a week long trip to the southern jungles of Mexico. I had the privilege to preach two missions conferences at two different churches. I saw many young people convicted about serving the Lord and one young man answered the call to be a preacher. During this trip, I began planning a survey trip for the summer of 2024 to the countries of Zimbabwe and South Africa. WE have several Mexican missionary candidates that are interested in these countries.

I also had the privilege to participate in the organization of a new church at the village of Albino Corzo, Chiapas. I have preached at this congregation on other occasions, but it was finally decided that they should organize from being a mission congregation to an independent autonomous church. It was a joy to watch the 28 charter members sign their

church covenant and initiate their new ministry together. Friends and fellow churches from many places came for the event and the building overflowed with people so that there were more people outside than inside.

It is hard to describe the joy that I feel when I see these people take the teachings and lessons that

I have imparted to them over the years and not only apply them, but also share them with others and it results in more churches and ministries being established around the world.

I pray that this newly organized church will have a worldwide ministry.



Reading of the church covenant before the charter members of the new church