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Lyon Family

To the uttermost... church planting in the pueblos of Ecuador

New Church Plant: The newest Kichwa church plant is underway! We have been holding weekly services in this Kichwa village for nearly three months. Interest in the Word of God seems to be growing each week, and the believers are becoming more and more excited about having their own church in their own village. One elderly lady from the village assured us during our first week that she would never attend our church. Since then, she has attended three services! Our relationship with her is growing, but she is not yet open to the Gospel. Please keep her in your prayers! We are studying the book of Acts each week and looking to model our church according to Biblical teaching. It has been exciting to come across a Biblical truth, and then listen to the believers say: "We need to do that in our church!" Please keep this new church in your prayers; especially pray for Luis, the Kichwa man that is helping us plant this church.



Our first meal together in the new church plant.

Library Update: The Library in the Cooper House has been an incredible blessing to our people...even more so than we had expected! Discipleship and training are happening on a nearly daily basis in the library, and many of the Bible Institute students are reading and studying God's Word with trusted resources! One young man named Ivan, who lives in our village, recently came to the library asking for help in his Christian life. I asked him about his salvation and he began describing many spiritual experiences in his past. I then spent some time clarifying the difference between a "spiritual experience" and salvation, and I encouraged him to think and pray about his salvation. He returned the next day and told us that after spending much time reflecting and praying that he had never truly trusted Christ alone for his salvation. He had always based his salvation on his experiences. To the glory of God, Ivan received Christ as his Savior and was baptized last Sunday!



We finished the VBS with a combined service with the children and their parents...the president of the village even came to the service!

Summer Missions Teams: We had a great time over the summer hosting teams and interns from our supporting churches! We could never begin to tell of all of the wonderful experiences, memories, and most of all, the work done and the seeds planted for our Lord! However, one thing that we wanted to share was that during the teams' ministry, we hosted three straight weeks of VBS, two of which were in the village of the new church plant. As a result of those VBS efforts, we had eleven children attend our church service last week at the new church!

Bible Institute: The newest module of the Bible Institute started this month. We will be studying the History of the Church and continuing our study of Christian Doctrine. Please keep our Kichwa teachers in your prayers (Leoncio, Ernesto, Elvis, Luis, Alfonso, and Elvis).

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