



The Mission Society

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“... For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you ... ” Jeremiah 29:11-12

Dear friends, family and church family,

Hello to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray all is well with you and your family and God has blessed you wonderfully this past month. We recently shared with you that **The Mission Society** is releasing us to the field at the end of this year. Because of embargoes and visa requirements our departure date has been moved up to the second week of December. We have stepped out in faith, paid our deposits and made the arrangements for our final phase of training required by **The Mission Society** prior to field departure. Above our monthly support needed for field ministry, we were in need of an additional \$12,000. to pay for five weeks of training at Missionary Training Institute in Colorado, plus airfare to Colorado and Ecuador, visas and other launching costs. God continues to pour out His blessings and care for us and provide for our needs. We have called upon Him and He has heard our pleas along with yours on our behalf. We are thankful and grateful for your support. Because so many have opened their hearts to help ‘send’ us we are almost half way there in raising the \$12,000. Thanks be to God! We trust Him with all our hearts ... the Holy Spirit reminds us daily that God still owns all the cattle on a thousand hills and we are comforted by His faithfulness throughout the Bible and throughout our lives ... we are standing on His promises. It is our hope that you will join us in mission and help send us into the world. One-time gifts are greatly needed to help cover the remaining launching funds ... PLEASE seek discernment from God with this endeavor. We are also in need of monthly or quarterly partners to come alongside us in ministry ... an extension of you among the least and lost in Ecuador ... that would be wonderful too! Before we can ‘GO’ we must be able to cover our departure expenses. We humbly ask for your help so we can complete our training and get on to Ecuador to begin the work He has prepared in advance for us to do ... following Jesus ... surely there can be no greater joy than that of saving souls. †



We are fit for the work of God only when we have wept over it, prayed about it, and then we are enabled by Him to tackle the job that needs to be done. May God give to us hearts that bleed, eyes that are wide open to see, minds that are clear to interpret God's purposes, wills that are obedient, and a determination that is utterly unflinching as we set about the tasks He would have us do.

We ask for your prayers as we continue gathering all the information needed to obtain our visas and schedule flights during the upcoming holiday season, as well as sort and pack those items that are only necessary to take with us to Ecuador. Our list is dwindling, although we still have many things we must do that require 'sensitive timing' before we leave ... please pray that everything falls into place. And pray in the power of the Holy Spirit that the enemy gets behind us and is held at bay as we move forward toward the Lord's fulfillment in us. We also ask for your continued prayers for our children and grandchildren; for the Lord Jesus to comfort them as we prepare to leave and grant them peace. We see the results of your prayers ... He is working in their lives as we move forward and we are humbled by your interceding for us and by His kindness and gentleness. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go.

We pray God gives you peace and joy; may your cup overflow. We love you. †

Yours in Christ,

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Missionaries to Ecuador serving with **The Mission Society**



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Thank you, thank you for your continued prayers and monthly financial support which not only is helping to get us to the field BUT will keep us on the field once there.

The thing that makes a missionary is the sight of what Jesus did on the cross and to have heard Him say, "Go." ~Oswald Chambers