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"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord for all He is doing in our lives as we prepare to serve in Ecuador; for filling us with His Holy Spirit to guide and direct us, and for pouring out His grace upon us. We pray He has been blessing you wonderfully during this month and that your life has been filled with His mercy. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support as we move forward toward the plan and purpose He has for us. We continually see the results of your prayers and we are truly grateful. You are special people called by our Lord to minister to His children; as some He calls to go and some He calls to send. Thank you for your faithfulness to Him and to us. Thank you for your love for Him, for us, and for His children. †

The hands and feet of Christ come in many shapes and sizes. We see God every day--especially during such challenging times.

As we continue pressing forward toward language school and Ecuador, God reveals Himself in many different ways. We received a precious email from a little 6 year old boy who is a member of our home church. His name is Timmy. On Thursday nights for dinner, he and his family have begun eating just rice and broth for their meal, and the difference between the costs of the rice and broth and a more traditional American meal is donated to mission. His family is more than capable of sharing a costly meal together but have chosen to set aside Thursday nights to teach Timmy a great lesson about those that do not have all he has...to teach him that there is "need" in the world and that he doesn't always have to have the best...that God will sustain His children. What a great example this family has set for all of us. Timmy doesn't seem to mind that his meal is not one of abundance and grandeur...he is content knowing he is giving to others. We are better people for knowing this child...for knowing this family. Below is the note we received...we feel privileged to share his email with you. It is our hope that the heart of this child, of this family, will bless you. †

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nichols

I love you. We ate rice. You can feed kids in Ecuador. We gave you our dinner money.

Love Timmy

Where did we see God that day...we saw God in Timmy.



Adriana, a little one like many that Timmy's supper money will help feed; filling her tummy, and feeding her soul with the love and hope of Christ.

God has placed it on our hearts to tell you exactly what we need in order to leave for language school and then onto Ecuador to share Christ with the least and the last; among the least and the last...we need 150 people (individuals, couples or families) to partner with us and commit to giving \$25.00 a month for one year, and 96 people (individuals, couples or families) to give \$50.00 a month for one year. If there are some of you that God asks to give more, that would cut down on the numbers needed for each amount. Any support given would bless us greatly. It is hard for us to ask, but asking and allowing others to be a part of this calling, to reach souls for Christ alongside us is part of us watching the hand of God move amongst His people through each of you. It builds our trust in Him as He provides all our needs in the midst of a terrible economy. God still owns all the cattle on a thousand hillsides. He is Jehovah-jireh, our provider. We humbly and sincerely ask for your support. †

Every month as each update is sent, know we specifically say a little prayer for each of you; for God to bless you to be a blessing to others, and to bless you with great health, happiness and peace. †

Please pray for the Lord to open more hearts and doors to join us in the ministry of making Disciples to make Disciples. Please pray for the leaders of the churches in Ecuador, and for their spiritual protection and growth in the Lord Jesus. Please pray for our field leaders, Tim and Daina Datwyler as they seek God's will for advancing the ministry in Ecuador. Please pray for our safety as we travel, and that we will boldly speak God's Word wherever we go. We love you. †

Yours in Christ,

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