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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"

Romans 12:12

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. We praise God for the gift of being called His children and the privilege to serve Him, and give thanks for our many blessings and all that we have been given. We give Him praise for His Holy Spirit that guides and directs us and we pray He is blessing you wonderfully as well. We pray you experience His grace and mercy as you walk alongside Him and that your relationship with Him grows closer and closer everyday. Thank you for your faithfulness to Him. †

As we prepare for field ministry and God's perfect timing for us; at times we endure slow periods. Still we continue to stay focused on the calling God has placed on our hearts and work diligently toward that goal. Listening to God, He is teaching us patience and to trust in Him that He will provide all our needs, in His time. It's during these times we also look for ways to serve Him to fulfill the vows we made when we joined our church. As we wait, God uses the gifts and talents He has given us to serve Him at Lewis, and what we are reminded of as we serve...is God is using our local service to Him to further prepare us for foreign service. God is constantly preparing us and you to serve others, to fulfill His plan for each of us, and for heaven. Everything we do in this world is to prepare us for eternity with Him. What a loving, patient teacher we have. We've learned that **He didn't come just to teach, He came to make us what He teaches we should be.** We are blessed beyond words by the gift of His teachings as we serve locally, while preparing to serve internationally. †

Summer break from school brings a right of passage in our US churches; Vacation Bible School. Sharon was blessed greatly in June as she served God by helping to prepare 800 snack suppers during VBS at Lewis. This years program, "Kingdom of the Son" focused on teaching children to pray...to pray the way Jesus taught us when He gave us the Lord's Prayer as a model for our prayers. While Sharon helped prepare meals, our two grandchildren were learning this prayer, and what touched us greatly was the thought of a couple of years from now after language school, when our grandchildren come to spend their summers in Ecuador with us, was of them teaching their new friends of South America how to pray as they set the example they were taught during VBS. How great is that? The experiences they will be able to share as children to children with and about His children of Ecuador will be profound in their growth in Christ Jesus and in building relationships. This reminds us of **Isaiah 11:6** "...and a little child will lead them". God desires all of us to be like little children; trusting, obedient, happy and eager to serve and to love each other as a child loves. If we trust in Him for all things according to His will, God will use all of us in the way He chooses to bring us into deeper relationship with Him, to advance the Kingdom, and to prepare us for eternal service living with Him in heaven; if we will humble ourselves and come to Him like little children. †

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,...' Matthew 6:9



Gray and Aidan Nichols



As God's plan for us continues to unfold, we pray He uses us and our extended family to be His vessels in reaching the world within our community and among our church family and future Ecuadorian families. We pray that little fellows like the ones below from Ecuador will one day see Christ in us and see Christ in our two little summer vacationers who in many ways are just like them...full of energy, full of mischief; and will come to know the love of Christ through their example, filling them with hope. †



Please be in prayer with us as we continue to raise a foundation of prayer and financial support to minister in Ecuador; for the Lord to open hearts to join us in 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 joyfully share God's heart with our Ecuadorian brothers and sisters. 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, and may He continue to bless you. We love you. †

Yours in Christ,

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