



Go to the People

Live among them; Learn from them; Love them;
Start with what they know; Build on what they have.

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Prayer Request

- That the Lord will raise up a foundation of prayer and financial support for us.
- For Openness to the power of the Holy Spirit to give us faith and courage to be positive, bold and effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.
- For the Lord to prepare our heart's and the heart's of the people of Ecuador.

Following God's Call

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask. John 15:16

We are humbled that God would ask us to serve Him internationally. We have taken many short-term mission trips, having our heart's broken for the people in developing countries. And we have experienced a continued desire to be a part of a short-term team every year to share God's love. (In June we led a team back to Chilca, Peru and were blessed greatly by the Ivey's and people of the Casa de Oracion). On a mission in Monterrey, Mexico in 2005 God used the seminary students of the Juan Wesley Seminario to call Sharon into full-time foreign mission, and Graham received his calling the following year on a Peru mission as he worked and ministered alongside the Nationals of Huancayo. Since that time God has affirmed every day His will for us. Daily working in us so He can work through us. Studying His Holy Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us as well as using our church family at Lewis Memorial, and the ministries we're involved in to help strengthen us and hold us accountable, helping to mold us into the missionaries He intends us to be. We excitedly await God's timing for us when we "go to the people", to live, work and minister side by side with His children of Ecuador. We praise God for the privilege to join Christ in mission as we're drawn closer and closer to Him everyday. †

Training in Brazil

In July we travelled to Teresopolis, Brazil for training with instructors from **The Mission Society**. We met a wonderful group of missionaries from the US as well as Brazil, Mexico, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. All very special people that love the Lord and desire to be obedient servants and follow Him, as together we reach the world one by one. The knowledge we received was not only beneficial for field missions and living among the Nationals but also as we engage in ministries here at home. We were blessed to get to know some of **The Mission Society** staff a little better as well. The time there was challenging but full of helpful information, fun and time spent with God in a beautifully scenic atmosphere.

We also spent time in Rio de Janeiro walking among the poorest of the poor; people that live in the favelas, but first getting permission from the drug lord to be in the community. Our hearts remain heavy for them and the images of their faces. We had the privilege of praying for them. Pray

**“In everything you do,
preach the Gospel, if
necessary use words.”**

St Francis of Assisi

for them as well – that they’ll remember our prayers – that regardless of their situation – their hope lies in Christ Jesus and their focus must remain on Him.

Time was set aside for sight-seeing and we especially enjoyed traveling up the steep winding mountain to see up close the famous Christ the Redeemer statue. It can be seen all over Brazil but up close it is awesome. We praise God for our training opportunity in Brazil; to learn and connect and reestablish life long relationships. †

Field Visit to Ecuador

Immediately after training we left our new friends and flew to Quito, Ecuador where we were met by Field Leaders Tim & Daina Datwyler. We spent 5 days in this beautiful country; meeting Bishop Cabezas as well as several Pastors and wonderful Nationals who received us warmly. We attended Bible study and a Kid’s club, harvested and sorted strawberries and limes; experiencing some of the Datwyler’s ministry. We spent time in Otavalo, an indigenous community that speaks the language of Qitchua. God has placed a desire on our hearts to live incarnationally with the indigenous of Ecuador, and we were blessed to visit the area; seeing where we’ll live one day. The country is fertile and green and Otavalo is especially beautiful, nestled in the Andes Mountains, surrounded by Volcanoes and Lakes. Our visit was short but affirming and we look forward to the day when we travel back to Otavalo to begin the ministry God has asked us to do. We look forward to building lasting relationships and helping the Nationals not only come to Christ but grow deeper and deeper in their relationship with Him. This visit reminded us of the privilege we have to serve Christ this way. Thank you for your prayers and financial support as we prepare and excitedly await His fulfillment in us; building the Kingdom together. May all we do glorify Him† Until...

Photo’s

Christ the Redeemer



Family in Rio de Janeiro



Otavalo, Ecuador

**Pray, and join us in
ministry as God leads
you. †**



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