



# The Mission Society

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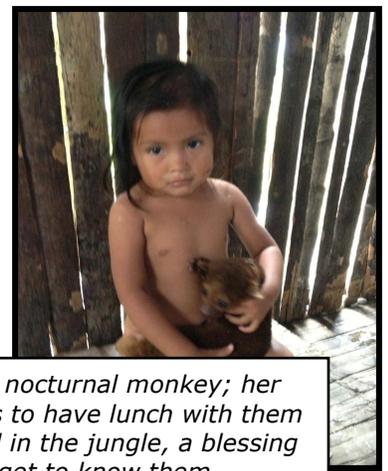
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*Agata and her nocturnal monkey; her family invited us to have lunch with them while we served in the jungle, a blessing for us to get to know them.*

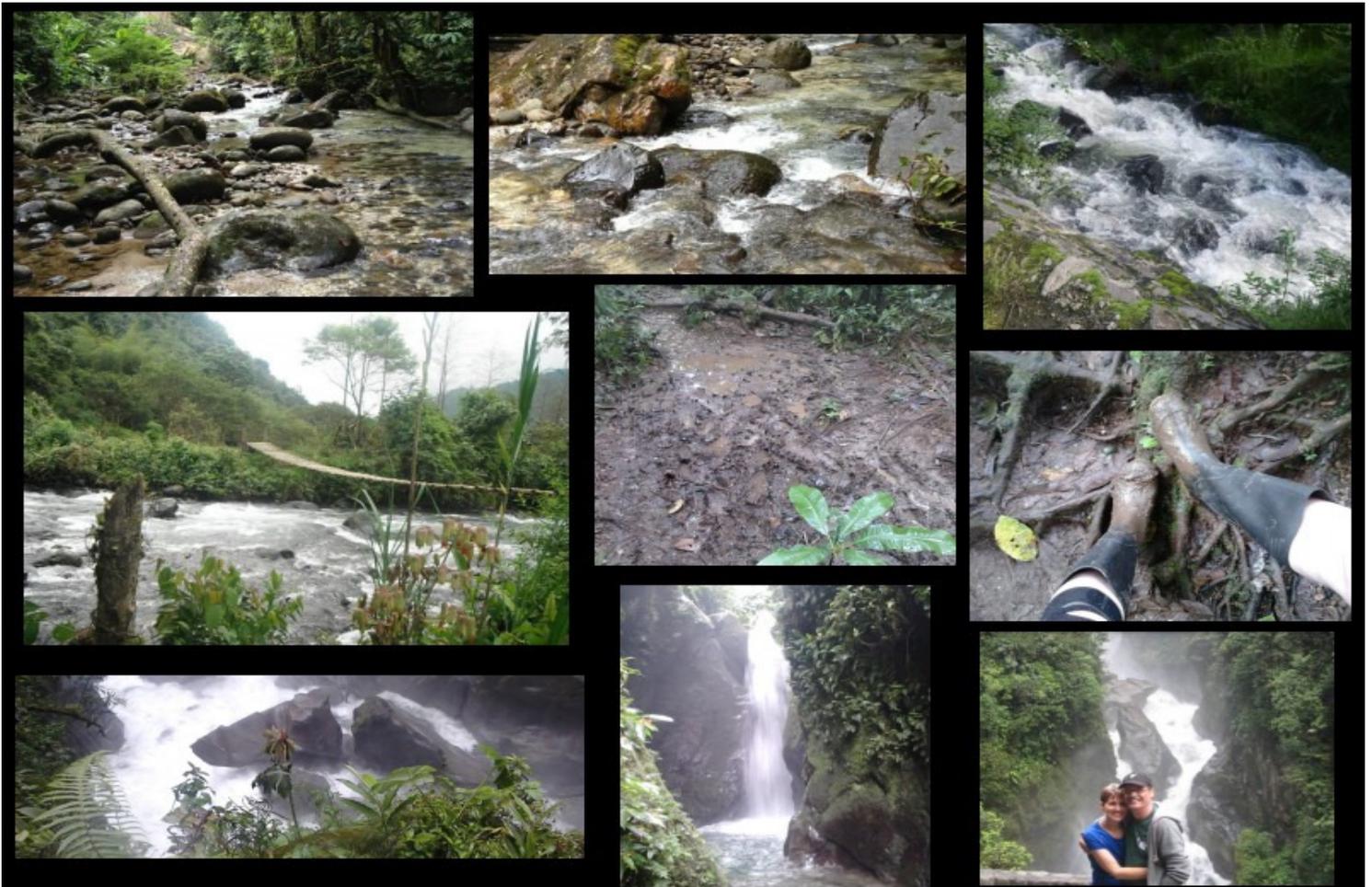
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***"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10 (New Living Translation)***

Saludos friends, family and church family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus. We pray this mission letter finds you well, full of hope and filled with His goodness! We praise God for pouring out His grace on us day by day. And we sincerely thank you for your prayers and support as together we join Jesus in His mission on the equator. We are blessed by your prayers and financial partnership and we are humbled by your hearts for God, His children, and for us. †

The Jungle in July!!! Knee high (strong) rubber boots and miles of walking into the jungle ... serving the least of these in communities with no electricity or running water! Rain, rain, and more rain ... But ... blessing after blessing after blessing as we shared Christ in the woods with the most precious little ones ... and their monkeys! †



***I know I can't do a thing to earn my salvation but now that I am His, I will do everything in my power to show Him how much I love Him and I live to please the One I love Who has transformed me with HIS love.***

God in His bounty of goodness sent us to the most incredible place to serve ... torrential downpours at night in the 'dry' season brought shoeless, muddy, torn and worn, (half to no clothed), dirty little faces with great big grins from out of the trees in the day. Upon arrival in the communities where families bathe in the local rivers, where they also draw their drinking and cooking water we were received graciously. Our only item at first was a Bible and yet we were received as long lost family ... not visitors stopping by bringing things ... but as family and friends sharing His love through hugs and smiles of acceptance, Bible story skits; one where Graham was the example of Jesus and when Graham stood with his arms spread as on the cross and when the story was over they understood more of Jesus' love for us all. We sang and sang and played baseball (new, and loads of fun for everyone), and because of the faithfulness of so many we were able to purchase in the nearby towns food to share and feed everyone ham and cheese sandwiches with juice throughout our time there, many we were told had full tummies for the first time ... in their lives. We had extras and also cookies but first they kindly asked for any extra sandwiches before any cookies. With broken hearts for these little ones we praised God for all those who share with us; helping us to live and serve here. We physically bought the food and made the sandwiches, you folks gave the food and we served so many as an extension of you! Thank you for blessing these precious souls ... and us! God is good to us; we are sooo very blessed by all those He has placed in our lives. †



*We are still finding our place here ... still working on language ... still learning culture ... we think we always will be and we think God intends for it to be this way ... it keeps our dependence on Him for ALL things. We are drawn to the words of our GA Pastor's recent sermon "Are you going to stay in the boat or are you going to rely on your faith and go to Him?" ... We are going to Him ... and wherever He sends us ... with the gifts and talents He has given specifically to us ... to love the people of Ecuador into the Kingdom. There is no fear ... for we know WHO goes before us! †*

We were honored to share with many congregations while home on furlough this past winter and we are very grateful for those opportunities. Normally the support from Mission and Global Impact Conferences are not received until the fall. Our support has been down over the summer as often times tithes and offerings are low in many church budgets at this time as well ... we believe with our whole hearts (the local church), our home church, is our storehouse and comes first, receiving our first fruits every month, it is our obedience to God. We need additional funding to be able to continue living and serving here ... feeding souls and tummies. It is our hope after your tithes you will pray about joining us in mission ... with any offering that you may have above and beyond your obedience to God in His and your local, home church. †

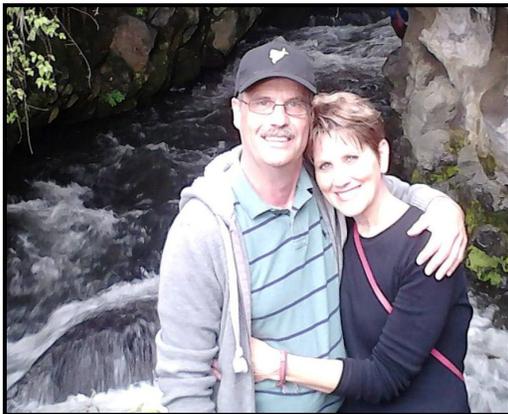
We also ask for your continued prayers for God to give us clarity and direction in all He has called and planned for us to do among these amazing people in this little country who Jesus also came to die for. It is the joy of our hearts to be here. Please also pray for our safety as we travel in and out of our community and throughout this country to be His light. Pray that we boldly speak God's Word wherever we go; in word and in action, and that we never forget who we are and to Whom we belong. We praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow. We love you. †

Yours in Christ,

*Graham and Sharon Nichols*

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To do the work God has planned in advance for us, we **MUST** have more ministry partners! Please pray about joining us in mission here in Ecuador!



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Thank you, thank you again for your continued prayers and financial support which not only helped get us to the field BUT will help keep us on the field for all our days.

Please feel free to forward, mail-out or print our Newsletter for your Sunday school class, small group, Church or friends ... Blessings!

***"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***



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