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KJV Psalm 72:3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

Dear friends, family, and churches,

My prayer is that this letter finds you well and blessed! We are working to bring peace and righteousness to the indigenous people (Quichua Indians) of the mountains behind El Quinche. Right now they are celebrating their festival of Inti Raymi, which is a mixture of Incan and Roman Catholic beliefs. They dance to "Saint Peter and the gods." Alcohol plays a large role in the festivities. We saw an older woman so drunk that she lay down in the street in front of our house blocking traffic refusing to move. Her friend was finally able to move her after about ten minutes. Many of these people are enslaved by this vice. What is worse, it is sponsored by the Catholic priests who some have seen smoking and drinking with the people. To be able to better minister, we need to go where they live to reach them. This is difficult because they live in remote, mountainous areas where vehicles cannot go. Brother Eric Moore and I have been considering purchasing motorcycles for this purpose. Brother Eric was just able to purchase his motorcycle. I still need two thousand dollars to be able to purchase one. Our plan is to begin visiting each home to share the Gospel, give them a Bible, a gospel tract, and an invitation to join us for our Sunday afternoon service in the village of Compania. We have a small group of people that we have been ministering to, but we need to be able to reach others with the Gospel.

The work in El Quinche is moving forward. The mission here just chose their name this past Wednesday, and we are now working to put up a sign and to get a stamp made for tracts. They chose "New Life Baptist Mission." We are

trying to get the message of the Gospel out and let our light shine. Please continue to pray for the work here. We currently have forty-five people visiting regularly, but only three members. The mission also needs a good man who is willing to be discipled and trained in the ministry. Please pray that the Lord will give us someone.

As always we appreciate your prayers and support. May God bless you richly!

Prayer requests:

- \$2,000.00 for motorcycle (mountain ministry)
- Leader for the El Quinche mission

In Christ,

Michael Lea and family

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