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***KJV Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Hello from Ecuador! I hope this letter finds you well and blessed in the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I would like to apologize for not getting my prayer letter out in December. I hope it did not cause too much trouble. Let me recap the events that have happened since my October letter.

On November 1st, Tammi and a group of young people put together a small drama as an alternative to Halloween and Dia de los Muertos. The gospel was presented in a clear way and was well received. Two visitors started studying the Bible with us after that presentation. We also received the visit of Pastor Weiss, his son and two young men from Mount Zion Baptist Church, St. Clair, Missouri. The two weeks they spent with us were a great encouragement to us. They helped with printing, evangelism, and preaching, dedicating the majority of their time to the printing and passing out of nearly 8,000 tracts from which we received two responses. Elba is one of the contacts made through their efforts. she immediately started a Bible study with Tammi and has been faithfully coming to services ever since. Carmen, the lady I mentioned in my prior letter, was baptized at the end of the month, and we are seeing the mission grow in numbers.

In December, for health reasons and to visit family for Christmas and New Years, we flew back to Fayetteville. I had a good rest from the high altitude and was given a new CPAP and oxygenator machine to help with the low oxygen in Ecuador. We were also blessed to spend time with our family whom we hardly ever get to see. I am excited to share that my mother who has been bed ridden for two years is up and going to church! It was a blessing to be with my brothers and sisters at Mission Blvd. Baptist Church as well. We stocked up on another two years of school books for Andrew and other things to help us with the ministry here in Ecuador and took care of some things that needed done stateside. While we were gone, Carlos did a great job of filling in for services. We even heard that there where visitors and that one of Carlos's disciples would like to be baptized. Anaett, a young lady that comes to my discipleship class on Tuesday evenings and is a baptized mission member, helped by taking over the Bible study that Tammi has with Elba. Andres took over the music playing guitar. I am trying to incorporate them more permanently in services. They must grow and we must diminish.

At the end of January, my son Jonathan and I along with Bro. Robert Creech had the joy of traveling to Mexico for the ordination of two deacons in the church which was organized ten years ago in Texcoco: Iglesia Bautista Filadelfia. It is a blessing to see how they are growing and are faithful to the Lord's work.

Upon our return to Ecuador at the beginning of this month, we are feeling the effects of the altitude. Surprisingly, Tammi who was already fighting off sickness when we flew back, is feeling it more then usual. By the grace of God, we continue the work. Please pray that the Lord will call Carlos into the ministry. This is a critical factor in finishing the work here in Ecuador.

As always, we appreciate your prayers and support!

In Christ,

Michael Lea and family

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