



Answered Prayer



TEAM WORK MOVING THE TABERNACLE!



THE WALLS ARE GOING UP!



¡FELIZ DIA DE MAMA!

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We didn't move our church, our church moved it's tent ...

Hi everyone! We hope that this Fletchersteps Newsletter has found you blessed and growing in the knowledge of the hope we have in Christ Jesus! We have had a very busy 2018 so far. Easter services at our church in Racar, just above the city of Cuenca, were packed to standing room only under the green vinyl of our "tent of meeting." And it rained, which is a difficult thing because our tent has holes. It has always had some holes which we have been able to patch, but recent hail storms have created quite a problem for us. Needless to say, Pastor Geovanni was ready for a change. And so with His leadership and some help from the local denomination, a plan was formed.

The men of the church gathered to move our leaking tent and our stage.

In April, a “minga” was announced, which just means we were going to meet together to work on the church, share a meal, and have some fellowship. Entire families showed up with whatever tools they had and lots of hugs and smiles. We cleaned out and cleaned up. And then we moved our green “carpa” out onto the cement “cancha” where usually a few people park their cars on Sunday mornings.

The men of the church did all the heavy lifting while the ladies made us a meal and helped clean out storage closets and reorder the small children’s classrooms so that they can accommodate our growing ministry to kids.

We ate a typical rice and beans meal together. And we laughed and teased each other too. The kids played and worked some too. It was good hard work and good healthy fun! We spent all day in Racar and as we drove home I realized that the entire day, I didn’t once feel like an outsider. It felt like we were truly a part of this congregation and not the just the visiting missionaries. We are really proud of our church family.

... to build a better place to meet and worship together.



Now, every Sunday we meet under our green tent to worship, but we also get to watch the construction of what will be our new meeting place. If any of you saw a few of my Facebook Live videos from May, you know what I am talking about. The pastor organized a fundraiser Sunday to help cover some of the costs for

A “Minga” to Move



Men seem to connect better through a shared goal or challenge. It was great to work with these great men of God! We do not feel like foreigners anymore. We a vital part of this



construction of what will be a permanent structure. We had a great time eating and worshipping together with two other churches who came to support us as we try and improve the worship experience for our congregation and our visitors. It was a great Sunday full of wonderful music, cultural experiences, great conversation, and delicious food.

Every Sunday, we go to Racar to worship and hear the Word of God. When we do, something new has been done to the building in which we will worship one day. I am reminded each week that the brick and mortar building is not our church. The brick and mortar, although much more substantial than the our green vinyl, is no different than the

tent that has been sheltering us when we meet. Both the tent and the building being constructed are just a tools that allow the true church, the people of God, to come together in one place to worship and learn. May we never confuse the building with the people or life with things.

We now feel so much more a part of the church here in Ecuador and our connection with our Ecuadorean family is growing each day. Thank you so much for sending us here to share life and ministry with these awesome people, our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Visa Celebration!

We have great news to share! We have our visas and our “cedulas” (government ID’s)!!! Some of you have been praying with us for this day since we started the process while we were still living in Costa Rica many many months ago! Thank you for your prayers! We can hardly believe that we are “legit” now, as my 12 year old says. The only things we now lack are drivers licenses. We are waiting for the final paperwork to arrive from the States before we can take our Ecuadorean drivers test and receive our final little card that proves

we are the “real deal” here in Ecuador. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support through this process! It’s been more than 18 months in the coming!

Feliz Día De Mamá!

Ecuador, just like the USA, loves to celebrate motherhood each May! This year was special as we got to celebrate in Racar with our new church family. Doña Maria is an elder in our church and she is adorable. She was the “Symbolic Mother” this year and wore a red sash all morning. She got lots of hugs and kisses too. Since our first day of worship, Maria has been a joy and a delight. She always greets us and everyone with genuine affection. The love Jesus shines through her! We love seeing her every week!



Send Us a Message! We Want to Hear from You!

Hey Everyone!

We are not as far away as you think! We would love to hear from you. Technology is a beautiful thing and we have enjoyed seeing snapshots on facebook and little messages too, but nothing is better than back and forth conversation. We can always find room in our schedule to connect with our friends and supporters. Our internet connection works really well these days and we would love to hear how things are going for you all in the USA! We would also like to pray for and with you. We miss our church family in the States and the life-giving connections we have. We are available to video chat during a church service or missions team/committee meeting and speak with you a face-to-face as well as answer any questions you have about what God is doing in Cuenca, Ecuador. Below is our contact information so that we can set up a time to connect with you if you wish. We look forward to hearing from you!

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