



BEELER NEWS

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The people of Ecuador just elected a new socialist president, Lenín Moreno. His vice president is already being accused of taking millions in bribes. Ex-president Rafael Correa, is being accused of hiding the investigation of the vice president until after the election to assure the election of Moreno. The country is also billions of dollars in debt, mostly to the Chinese, and the economy has slowed down significantly this year.

Jan and I go street witnessing two or three days a week, and the people we speak with in the neighborhoods around our new church plant are friendly with us, and willing to hear the gospel. We are hoping the new president will not take the country farther into socialism, which will certainly make sharing the gospel more difficult.

We have good news to report about our ministry. There is a steady increase in the number of people attending our church services. Six to ten children are in our Sunday school every Sunday. I just installed a beautiful sign on the front of our building. We are planning to have Saturday night evangelistic movies once a month, beginning in July. Just this week we printed fliers to advertise Jan's pro-life ministry to post around town. In July, we are joining with another church to do a VBS, and a four day long Christian camp for teenagers in August. Already four teenagers who come to our services have voiced their intent to go to the Christian camp.

We also have several prayer requests:

Please pray for these people we are ministering to, who are not saved: Nube, Gustavo (business owner), Israel (husband of a believer), Daniel, Anita, Martín, Diana, Juan, Gustavo (husband of a believer), David and Isaías (boys and brothers), and others whose names we do not yet know.

Please pray for these Christians we are ministering to, who do not go to church anywhere: Patricia, Carmen, Enrique, and Veronica.

Please pray for these Christians who come to our services, and need work: John and Jorge

Please pray for our visa situation. The church we depend on for our renewable visas let their corporate license lapse, and we cannot renew our religious visas without spending four or five thousand dollars. We have decided instead to go through the process of trying to obtain permanent residency for the second time. The government rejected our first attempt to obtain residency in 2014, which cost us several thousand dollars in lost fees and travel expenses. On the advice of our attorney we are traveling to Peru for a day or two in July to obtain new tourist visas, the attorney says we will be able to obtain permanent residency before our tourist visas expire in October. The attorney claims the cost of all of this will be under three thousand dollars. Once we have residency we will have permission to stay in Ecuador for life without further cost.

Praise God for our health. In April, we were both poisoned by construction dust when we cleaned and painted our church building. I was sick for a couple of weeks, but recovered. Jan required a visit to the doctor, and an anti-biotic, and she is still recovering. Jan also had a breast exam last month that came back benign after finding a lump. We know God protects us from harm on a daily basis, and we praise Him for it.

Praising God,

Lewis & Janice