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Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. (Job 9:25 KJV)

Hello from Ecuador; we hope this prayer letter finds you well and blessed. Time seems to fly by as we run the race here and to try to win the prize as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:24. We appreciate all your prayers, support, and the special love offerings which were given for Christmas, for a projector, and for the printing ministry. May God richly bless you! We have word from the printer that the school books are behind schedule but will be ready next month.

In my last letter I asked you to pray for Brother Marco and his family. He passed on to be with the Lord a week after I was able to visit with him when he was released from the hospital. His stomach cancer was advanced, but it surprised us how fast it took him. The Lord was merciful and took him from the pain. His family has been coming sporadically to services and we try to comfort and minister to them.

I also mentioned in my last letter that my son Jonathan will be leaving us soon to go to our home church and to study at the University of Arkansas. He received three scholarships which will pay for his schooling. He received one for scholastic aptitude and two music scholarships for cello. We are very proud of him for all his dedication and hard work and thankful for God's provision.

Our work here in El Quinche, Ecuador, has seen several new visitors to our services. My wife passed out a tract to a young lady named Dayana who started coming to services faithfully. She has also started studying our correspondence courses and is being disciplined by my wife on Mondays. We also had a returning visitor named Marco who has been doing our correspondence courses; he is sporadic in his attendance to services due to work. He finished our first series of correspondence courses in the *Gospel Truth Series*. In my Tuesday night study with three young men who are brothers, one of them received the Lord as his Savior a couple of weeks back. His name is Carlos. Please pray for Carlos, Andres, and Mahartin who are really the future of the work here in El Quinche. Andres, who is a member of the congregation, is faithful to all the services and is our "main man" in our video recording/internet ministry which he is taking over from my son Jonathan.

As a family, we have made several short trips to pass out tracts and to see if the lower altitude is beneficial to my health and vitality. To be honest, I do not have the energy in this high altitude environment that I do at lower levels. Due to the work here in El Quinche, I have not moved to a lower altitude. I am trying to hang on, but I am not thriving. Please pray about this for me.

We appreciate all your love, prayers, and support for us. God bless!

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